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Partial shutdown extended by 12 days

By DAVID EGGERT and ED WHITE

Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Monday extended a partial shutdown of businesses and schools through Dec. 20, rejecting desperate appeals to lift a ban on indoor restaurant dining while the state tries to stop a wave of new coronavirus cases.

The 12-day addition will enable the health department to assess how Thanksgiving travel affected the spread of COVID-19. Whitmer, a Democrat, said in announcing the latest health department strategy.

"We've made progress during this three-week pause ... but there is more work we need to do to protect one another," she said at a news conference. "Our progress is fragile and we cannot let up yet."

In-person instruction at high schools and colleges, dine-in eating at restaurants and organized sports will continue to be prohibited, including the completion of fall high school sports tournaments. Entertainment venues such as movie theaters and bowling alleys will remain closed. Indoor residential gatherings are limited to 10 people from two households.

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State health Director Robert Gordon said he wants to see a drop in new cases, a lower rate of positive tests and a flattening or reduction in the number of hospital beds filled with COVID-19 patients.

The priority will be reopening high schools, then entertainment businesses where people can consistently wear masks such as theaters and bowling centers if concessions are closed.

"Let me be clear: There's no formula. These numbers don't capture some things that matter, like the age of people getting sick or the mix of tests being measured," Gordon said. "You don't ask your doctor to judge your health by a formula. You don't judge your family's financial well-being by one formula. Michigan lives are too important to use a faulty formula."

Hospital executives applauded the action. They said while hospitalizations had begun to stabilize, dozens of hospitals across the

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Michigan Office of the Governor via AP

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer speaks during a news conference Monday in Lansing. Whitmer announced the state's partial shutdown of businesses and schools will continue through Dec. 20.



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Kristen Patzer is the new manager of the Women's Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance in Benton Harbor.

A new setting

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Kristen Patzer went from focusing on art to helping jump-start businesses during the pandemic.

Patzer, a graduate of Indiana University, joined Cornerstone Alliance in June before being promoted a few months later as the new manager of the Women's Business Center.

Her responsibilities include counseling aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners, developing and coordinating the center's programming, and assisting the finance division.

She was among the latest hires that have transformed the Women's Business Center, which included the addition of Director

Q & A KRISTEN PATZER

Brandon Campbell.

The Baroda resident has served as executive director and general manager at several organizations, including at the Box Factory For The Arts in St. Joseph.

While Patzer was named manager of the WBC, she still participates in arts and cultural activities throughout Berrien County.

Patzer sat down with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Tony Wittkowski to talk about her new role at Cornerstone Alliance.

Patzer takes on new role at the Women's Business Center

You joined the center back in June. How much of a transition was it starting a new job during a pandemic?

It was very interesting because I have not yet worked in the office in person. I started my job remotely in June and am still working remotely. I had to learn to adapt to working from a home environment, primarily through video communication. It was quite a change from what I was used to.

From my understanding, you joined the organization under a different role.

I was initially hired as an accounting executive associate to assist the Women's Business Center and Cornerstone Alliance with administrative financial processes — which

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Lakeland offers outpatient antibody treatment

Patients must qualify to be treated; area long-term facilities hit hard by COVID

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Spectrum Health Lakeland announced Monday that it has started providing infusion services of the monoclonal antibody, bamlanivimab, for the treatment of COVID-19 at its Center for Outpatient Services in Royalton Township.

The treatment is currently available for non-hospitalized adults and adolescents 12 years of age and older who have tested positive for COVID-19 with mild to moderate symptoms and who are at high risk for developing severe COVID-19 symptoms or needing hospitalization, according to a news release.

The drug is administered one time through a vein (intravenous or IV) for at least one hour. The outpatient center is located at 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph.

"We are optimistic that our ability to treat COVID-19 patients with mild to moderate symptoms early on in their diagnosis will decrease the number of patients who develop severe COVID-19 symptoms, and in turn lower the rate of emergency department visits and hospitalizations," said Jason Lovero, pharmacy director at Spectrum Health Lakeland, in the news release.

Bamlanivimab was recently authorized for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Spectrum Health Lakeland receives an allotted amount of bamlanivimab each week, which is decided and distributed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are experiencing mild to moderate symptoms should talk with their primary care provider to determine if they qualify for bamlanivimab treatment. For more information about COVID-19 at Spectrum Health Lakeland, visit spectrumhealthlakeland.org/covid19.

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Years of research laid groundwork for speedy COVID-19 shots

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

How could scientists race out COVID-19 vaccines so fast without cutting corners? A head start helped — over a decade of behind-the-scenes research that had new vaccine technology poised for a challenge just as the coronavirus erupted.

"The speed is a reflection of years of work that went before," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S.

infectious disease expert, told The Associated Press. "That's what the public has to understand."

Creating vaccines and having results from rigorous studies less than a year after the world discovered a never-before-seen disease is incredible, cutting years off normal development. But the two U.S. frontrunners are made in a way that promises speedier development may become the norm — especially if they prove to work long-term as well as early testing suggests.

"Abject giddiness," is how Dr. C. Buddy Creech, a Vanderbilt University vaccine expert, described scientists' reactions when separate studies showed the two candidates were about 95 percent effective.

"I think we enter into a golden age of vaccinology by having these types of new technologies," Creech said at a briefing of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Both shots — one made by Pfizer and BioNTech, the other by Mod-

erna and the National Institutes of Health — are so-called messenger RNA, or mRNA, vaccines, a brand-new technology. U.S. regulators are set to decide this month whether to allow emergency use, paving the way for rationed shots that will start with health workers and nursing home residents.

Billions in company and government funding certainly sped up vaccine development — and the

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Pandemic pushes newly hungry Americans to crowded food lines

By SHARON COHEN
AP National Writer

The deadly pandemic that tore through the nation's heartland struck just as Aaron Crawford was in a moment of crisis. He was looking for work, his wife needed surgery, then the virus started eating away at her paycheck. The Crawfords had no savings, mounting bills and a growing dread: What if they ran out of food? The couple had two boys, 5 and 10, and boxes of macaroni and cheese from the dollar store could go only so far.

A 37-year-old Navy vet, Crawford saw himself as self-reliant. Asking for food made him uncomfortable. "I felt like I was a failure," he says. "It's this whole stigma... this mindset that you're this guy who can't provide for his family, that you're a deadbeat."

Hunger is a harsh reality in the richest country in the world, even during times of prosperity. Now, with staggering job losses and business closings, millions of Americans are worried about empty refrigerators and barren cupboards.

Feeding America, the nation's largest anti-hunger organization, has never handed out so much food so fast — 4.2 billion meals from March through October. The organization has seen a 60 percent average increase in food bank users during the pandemic; about 4 in 10 are first-timers.

An Associated Press analysis of Feeding America data from 181 food banks in its network found the organization has distributed nearly 57 percent more food in the third



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Phyllis Marder poses with her cat, Nellie, with food she got from a local food bank in the dining room of her home in Evanston, Ill., on Nov. 5. At first, Marder, 66, didn't tell anyone about going to food pantries. Then she had a change of heart. "Keeping a secret makes things get worse," she says, "... and makes me feel worse about myself, and so I decided that it was more important to talk about it."

quarter of the year, compared with the same period in 2019.

Those fighting hunger say they've never seen anything like this in America, even during the Great Recession of 2007-2009.

Across the country, cars line up for miles to wait for food handouts, each driver waiting hours for a box or bag of food. In New York, and other large cities, people stand, waiting for blocks on end.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, Norman Butler and his girlfriend, Cheryl, arrived at 3 a.m. at a drive-through food bank in a suburban New Orleans sports stadium. They joined a pre-dawn procession of mothers with their kids, the elderly and folks like him — unemployed workers.

Before the pandemic, Butler, 53, worked as an airport shuttle and limousine driver, a valet and hotel doorman. Since March when the normally bustling streets turned

silent, jobs have been scarce in the city.

"A lot of people are in limbo," he says. "The main thing we need is to get back to work."

For communities of color, the pandemic has been a compound disaster with Blacks and Latinos reeling from disproportionately high rates of deaths, infections — and joblessness.

Unemployment surged among Latinos to 18.9 percent this spring, higher than any other racial and ethnic group, according to federal statistics. Though it has since fallen, many are still struggling.

More than 1 in 5 Black and Latino adults with children said as of July 2020 they sometimes or often did not have enough to eat, according to a September report commissioned by the Food Research & Action Center. That was double the rate of

white and Asian households. It also found that women, households with children and people of color are at greatest risk of hunger.

While food banks have become critical during the pandemic, they're just one path for combating hunger. For every meal from a food bank, a federal program called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps — provides nine.

Anti-hunger groups have lobbied Congress for a 15 percent increase in maximum food stamp benefits. A similar measure went a long way in digging the nation out of the Great Recession. A stimulus bill passed by the House this spring includes such a provision, but it has been bogged down in partisan squabbling.

Many going to food pantries also are receiving food stamps, though eligibility varies among states.

Trump administration passed up chance to lock in more Pfizer vaccine doses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration opted last summer not to lock in a chance to buy millions of additional doses of one of the leading coronavirus vaccine contenders, a decision that could delay the delivery of a second batch of doses until manufacturer Pfizer fulfills other international contracts.

The revelation, confirmed Monday by people familiar with the matter, came a day before President Donald Trump aimed to take credit for the speedy development of forthcoming coronavirus vaccines at a White House summit Tuesday.

Pfizer's vaccine is expected to be endorsed by a panel of Food and Drug Administration advisers as soon as this week, with delivery of 100 million doses — enough for 50 million Americans — expected in coming months.

Under its contract with Pfizer, the Trump administration committed to buy an initial 100 million doses, with an option to purchase as many as five times more.

This summer, the White House opted not to lock in

an additional 100 million doses for delivery in the second quarter of 2021, according to people who spoke about the matter on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Days ahead of the vaccine's expected approval, the administration is reversing course, but it is not clear that Pfizer, which has since made commitments to other countries, will be able to meet the latest request on the same timeline.

The Pfizer vaccine is one of two on track for emergency FDA authorization this month, the other coming from drugmaker Moderna.

The Trump administration insisted late Monday that between those two vaccines and others in the pipeline, the U.S. will be able to accommodate any American who wants to be vaccinated by the end of the second quarter of 2021.

The administration's decision not to lock in additional Pfizer purchases last summer was first reported by The New York Times.

House cancels voting session after Giuliani test

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — The Michigan House canceled its voting session scheduled for Tuesday following an announcement that Rudy Giuliani tested positive for the coronavirus just days after he testified before lawmakers in Lansing without wearing a mask.

President Donald Trump's personal attorney spoke for hours Wednesday before a Republican-led committee investigating alleged election irregularities. He pushed legislators to ignore the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's 154,000-vote win over Trump and appoint electors, despite GOP legislative leaders having said they cannot do that under state law. U.S. Attorney General William Barr says no evidence of widespread fraud has been uncovered that could change the outcome.

"Multiple representatives have requested time to receive results from recent COVID-19 tests before returning to session, out of an abundance of caution," House Speaker Lee Chatfield, a Levering Republican who met with Giuliani before the hearing, said in a statement Monday. "The CDC guidelines would not consider them close contacts with anyone, even if Mayor Giuliani had been positive, but they want to go above and beyond in the interest of public safety. With the recent spike in COVID cases nationwide, this makes sense."

Chatfield, who was being tested, said several other House members needed to miss Tuesday's session for non-virus reasons. Votes will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday in the second-to-last week of the two-year session.

Trump announced Sunday that Giuliani had tested positive. The 76-year-old former New York mayor, who also visited Arizona and Georgia last week, had some symptoms and was admitted to Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The health department in Ingham County, where Lan-

sing is located, said several people who attended the Michigan committee meeting must quarantine at least through Saturday. Health officer Linda Vail said she consulted with the state health department and it agrees that "it is extremely likely that Giuliani was contagious during his testimony."

Dozens of lawmakers attended the hearing, in addition to eight of the panel's nine members. One, Democratic Rep. Darrin Camilleri of Wayne County's Brownstown Township, tweeted that he saw at least five other GOP legislators in the crowd.

"People are contagious with COVID-19 two days prior to symptom onset or a positive COVID-19 test if asymptomatic," Vail said in a statement. "Giuliani's hospitalization on Sunday is highly indicative of onset prior to Saturday making Wednesday a likely exposure date. Anyone who did not wear a face covering during the proceedings must quarantine. Also, anyone who was within 6 feet of Giuliani for 15 minutes, which can be cumulative rather than a single 15-minute period (regardless of mask usage), must quarantine."

During his Michigan trip, Giuliani also met with state Republican Party Chairman Laura Cox. Neither wore masks while sitting with each other to virtually brief GOP activists. A spokesman said she and a handful of other Republican staffers who came into contact with him were being tested.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, said the "reckless" hearing was "unnecessary" and "didn't change a thing." She called it a potential super-spreader event because of the number of people not wearing masks in the room for more than four hours.

"It is actions like this that threaten our ability to open up some of these businesses, when people aren't doing what they can do and need to do to keep others safe and keep COVID down," she said, referencing her administration's order extending the closure of entertainment venues and ban on indoor dining at restaurants.

Judge nixes bid to decertify Mich. vote, seize machines

DETROIT (AP) — A lawsuit challenging Michigan's election results was thrown out Monday by a federal judge, the latest case to be dismissed or dropped.

U.S. District Judge Linda Parker said the lawsuit, alleging widespread irregularities in Joe Biden's victory over President Donald Trump, was filed on Nov. 25, two days after Michigan certified state results.

"This case represents well the phrase: 'This ship has

sailed,'" Parker said.

The lawsuit filed on behalf of a group of voters claimed Biden benefited from fraud. It sought to reverse the certification and impound all voting machines for inspection — "relief that is stunning in its scope and breathtaking in its reach," the judge said.

There is no evidence of widespread fraud in the 2020 election. Indeed, election officials from both political parties have stated publicly that the election went well.

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
JD-JH-6H-7H-8H
Midday Daily 3
0-3-7
Midday Daily 4
7-7-0-7
Daily 3
9-6-1
Daily 4
6-2-3-4
Fantasy 5
05-10-12-24-33
Estimated jackpot
\$105,000
Keno
04-08-12-15-18-20-21-22-23-27-29-31-32-34-39-55-56-66-68-73-74-78
Mega Millions jackpot
\$264 million

Powerball jackpot

\$262 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
22-23-30-34-41
Cash4Life
04-26-30-38-59, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
02-17-18-22-26-28-32-37-44-45-47-52-60-61-64-65-69-72-77-80, BE: 22
Daily Three-Midday
9-9-1, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
9-6-7, SB: 0
Daily Four-Midday
9-4-4-2, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
4-7-0-3, SB: 0

Quick Draw Evening
03-05-07-13-15-18-21-29-30-37-47-51-55-56-62-64-65-68-70-72, BE: 13

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-20-31-32-38
Estimated jackpot
\$150,000
Pick Three-Midday
2-2-0, Fireball: 9
Pick Three-Evening
9-2-5, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Midday
6-6-2-3, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Evening
6-6-3-3, Fireball: 7
Lucky Day Lotto
10-32-35-38-40

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Federal officials hear arguments on pipeline tunnel

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY — Building an oil pipeline tunnel beneath a channel linking two of the Great Lakes would risk environmental devastation, opponents said Monday, while supporters argued that rejecting the plan would further damage a Michigan economy already reeling from the coronavirus.

Both sides in a multi-year battle over the future of Enbridge's Line 5 faced off during an online public hearing before officials with the Army Corps of Engineers. The agency's Detroit district is considering whether to grant a permit for the project.

The Canadian pipeline company wants to drill a nearly 4-mile tunnel through bedrock under the Straits of

Mackinac. It would house a replacement for twin pipes that have run along the bottom of the waterway connecting Lake Huron and Lake Michigan for 67 years.

The underwater segment is part of a line that carries crude oil and natural gas liquids used in propane between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario, passing through a lengthy stretch of northern Michigan.

Nearly 50 people spoke during the three-hour hearing, while others issued written statements. The Corps will accept comments through Dec. 17 but there's no deadline for its decision on the permit application, spokesman Bill Dowell said.

"Enbridge has a history of safety violations and environmental damage, and entrusting this serial bad actor to build a massive tunnel un-

der our Great Lakes would be a mistake of epic proportions," said Beth Wallace of the National Wildlife Federation.

Mike Alaimo of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce responded that the \$500 million project, which Enbridge has promised to pay for, would protect the lakes and bolster the regional economy while keeping energy prices affordable.

"As Michigan fights to recover from COVID-19, the jobs this project will create and support are more important than ever," he said.

On Nov. 13, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered Enbridge to shut down the pipeline within 180 days, saying the company had violated terms of an easement the state granted in 1953 to place the line on the lake bottom. Enbridge responded

with a federal lawsuit and said it would ask the court to overrule the Democratic governor.

Army Corps officials said they were studying how Whitmer's order might affect their review of Enbridge's application for a permit under the federal Clean Water Act.

The company also needs a permit from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, where an application is pending.

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Township supports placement of no-wake buoys

Riverfront homeowners to pay expenses

By **JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph Township officials will throw their support behind a request to place no-wake buoys along a section of the St. Joseph River, but will wait until next month to take official action.

Trustees want to wait until some legal documents are in place regarding who will pay for the buoys and how the no-wake zone will be enforced.

The request to place the buoys came from homeowners in the Riverside Pointe Condo Association, whose properties extend from 2100 to 2375 Riverside Point Drive and 2545-2535 Bayview.

The homeowners are trying to raise awareness of a mandate already in place in the Michigan Marine Law & Boater Safety rules regarding slow and no-wake speeds

within 100 feet of a shoreline.

The request states that the homeowners are experiencing erosion and washout on the shoreline from boats traveling too fast close to the shoreline. It further states that more than half the property owners have had expensive seawall repairs this year, with record high lake levels making the problem worse.

Mark Armstrong, representing the Riverside Point Condo Association, said the association will pay for placement of the buoys and the cost of maintaining them.

The St. Joseph Township Board on Monday held a public hearing on the proposal, but delayed action on a resolution requesting the Michigan Department of Natural Resources hold a public hearing on the need for special local watercraft controls on the St. Joseph River.

“This is not a rule change of any kind. We’re just trying to raise awareness of a rule already in place,” Armstrong



Don Campbell / HP staff

A sign warns boaters of the no-wake zone along the St. Joseph River near the Benton Harbor Public Boat Launch in Benton Harbor. St. Joseph Township officials support a request from riverfront property owners to better mark the existing no-wake zone.

said, speaking at Monday’s public hearing.

He said the homeowners association board has already voted to pay for placement and maintenance of the buoys. The board wants a written agreement detailing who is responsible for the costs. That, along with a statement that the

township will defer enforcement to the Berrien County Sheriff’s Office, will be submitted to the DNR with the township’s request.

Armstrong said the homeowners understand it will be tough to enforce, but he believes most boaters will comply with the buoys and

signage, and slow down. He said the homeowners association board will agree to sign the written documents.

Township Supervisor Roger Seely said it will be important to have those documents on file as township board members and HOA board members change over the years. The board will take up the matter again at its meeting in January.

Kim McLaughlin, president of the HOA board, said the board fully supports paying for the buoys and no-wake signage.

Budget hearing

A public hearing also was held Monday on the township’s 2021 budget. There were no comments from residents attending the meeting held via Zoom.

The township board then approved the budget, which lists general fund revenue at \$1,161,000 and expenditures at \$1,626,188. The \$465,188 difference will come from

the general fund balance of \$2,168,814, bringing that down to \$1,703,626.

Township Manager Denise Cook said general fund revenues are projected to be down \$221,300 from this year, largely due to a 30 percent cut in state grants due to uncertainty with sales tax collection caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the same time, general fund expenditures are expected to increase by \$17,794, Cook said.

The township’s public safety budget lists revenue at \$1,940,100 and expenditures at \$2,452,000. The \$511,908 difference will come from the beginning fund balance of \$1,030,055, bringing that down to \$518,147.

Public safety fund expenditures are projected to increase by \$200,497 next year, largely due to a \$116,097 increase in police department wages, taxes and benefits.

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LONG WAY TO GO



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A hiker struggles up the dunes while exploring recently at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer.

Police nab alleged armed robber after chase

By **JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A 24-year-old man from Texas is in the Berrien County Jail after allegedly robbing the Citgo gas station on Niles Road last Friday.

The man, whose name police did not release pending formal charges, led police on a wild chase on I-94 before being captured in Mattawan, police said.

St. Joseph Township Police

Lt. Rick Knapp said police were called at 12:50 a.m. on a report of an armed robbery. He said security video from the gas station showed that a man entered the gas station wearing gloves and brandishing a semi-automatic pistol, and handed a cashier a note demanding money from the cash register.

Knapp said the man left the store with an undetermined amount of cash. Moments later, a vehicle matching the description of a Dodge

Charger suspected of being involved in the robbery was spotted by a Coloma Township police officer traveling east on I-94.

A pursuit of the vehicle involved several police agencies and ended in Mattawan, where the suspect then fled on foot, Knapp said. He was apprehended a short time later and no one was injured.

Knapp said a handgun believed to have been used in the robbery was recovered,

along with the stolen money.

The Texas man was taken to jail on charges of armed robbery and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Knapp said police agencies involved in apprehending the suspect were St. Joseph Township Police, Coloma Township Police, Michigan State Police and the Van Buren County Sheriff’s Department.

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SH Township park in line for \$300,000 DNR grant

By **BECKY KARK**
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Sometime in the next two years, area residents may finally begin to see development of an outdoor recreational park on 14th Avenue in South Haven Township.

South Haven Area Recreational Authority (SHARA) is among 14 groups and municipalities throughout the state that the Department of Natural Resources is recommending for grants from its Land and Water Conservation Fund.

SHARA is in line for a \$300,000 matching grant, according to Ross Stein, chairman of the SHARA Board of Directors.

“This is the first development grant we’ve received for the park,” Stein said. “We previously received two other development grants for Pilgrim Haven Nature Pre-

serve. We’ve been blessed.”

The proposed grant would pay for construction of three soccer fields, a parking lot and handicap accessible walkways around the fields and leading to the parking lot.

The grant and the required \$300,000 match from SHARA would pay for the first development phase for the proposed recreational park. Situated near the Van Buren Trail, the park consists of 40 acres of land, between Blue Star Highway and M-140.

Before the grant can be awarded, however, the state Legislature and governor will have to provide approval, along with the National Park Service, according to Joelle Regovich, grant administrator for Abonmarche.

“It’s an involved process (for approval) and takes time,” said Regovich, who wrote the grant application on behalf of SHARA. “We’ll

be looking at the fall of 2021 for the design phase and then spring 2022 construction.”

If the recreation authority receives the grant, matching funds would come from assets the authority has on hand.

Once construction of the fields is complete, South Haven area soccer teams that belong to the American Youth Soccer Association as well as other soccer enthusiasts can use them, according to Stein.

“Pick-up games can be played on the fields and people can park in the parking lot and ride their bike on the Van Buren Trail,” Stein said.

The first development phase of the park would take up about 10 acres, according to Regovich.

SHARA had hoped to begin development of the recreational park a year ago, but grant funding was initially denied.

“This was our second attempt,” Regovich said.

This isn’t the first grant, however, that SHARA has received for the recreational park.

Two years ago, SHARA was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources toward purchase of the park land from the Lappo Family Trust, which owned the former Lappo Lumber Co. property.

Efforts to build a regional outdoor recreational park began in 2006 when a group then named South Haven Area Regional Park committee, formed because of the growing demand for outdoor fields for youth sports and recreation in general. The committee disbanded five years ago. Then the South Haven Area Recreation Authority formed to continue the mission of providing recreational opportunities.

SJ upper grades stick with remote learning, for now

By **TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph schools will continue remote learning for its high school and middle school students through the remainder of the fall semester.

The decision was approved at Monday night’s meeting shortly after the state-mandated pause on in-person learning in high schools and colleges was extended.

Superintendent Thomas Bruce said the district chose to include Upton Middle School in stopping in-person learning because schools has programs tied to one another.

“We’re doing an awful lot on a case-by-case basis, making sure students are connected and getting what they need,” Bruce said during Monday’s virtual board meeting. “This is definitely a new time in our lives.”

Middle School Principal Chad Mandarino said teachers have done a good job reaching out to students and parents.

“The parents and students are happy about a consistent schedule. The kids have all been a part of breakout rooms, where teachers can pop in and out of, which I’m told the discussion has been productive,” Mandarino said. “It’s been tough on some of our electives, like wood shop or band. But they’re taking lemons and making lemonade.”

Andrew Pratley, an instructional technology coach, told trustees that teachers have updated methods in which they are engaging with parents.

“We’ve evolved from just holding open office hours and taken those to morph into small groups or one-on-one meetings,” he said. “We’re engaging (parents) to go over things with their child. It’s been much more effective. Kudos to our staff to reach and teach.”

According to statewide data, school-related outbreaks of COVID-19 declined to 34 this week – the lowest number since October. The decline came during a state-mandated pause, though students in kindergarten through eighth-grade are still allowed to attend in-person classes.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services made the order effective Nov. 18. The order was scheduled to expire Tuesday, but on Monday the department extended it another 12 days to help combat high caseloads across the state.

“Looking back on our internal data, our attendance data since November, we’ve had a lot of students quarantined,” Bruce said. “Our attendance has been much, much better. At the high school, we were missing well over 100 students to quarantine in November.”

Bruce commended teachers and support staff as the board agreed to continue remote instruction through Dec. 20 at both schools. The plan is to return to normal instruction on Jan. 4. However, that depends on what the state decides down the road.

Several administrators provided the board with updates regarding how students are handling remote instruction.

Assistant Superintendent Kelly Gaideski gave trustees an update Monday on attendance reporting and instructional modes of learning.

In October, the district’s attendance average was 93.6 percent.

The average attendance in November dropped to 90.2 percent. Broken down, the district’s virtual learning attendance fell to 89.2 percent while its face-to-face instruction dropped to 90.8 percent.

Gaideski said those numbers were skewed by the amount of students who were quarantined, as attendance was in the eighties until the final two weeks of November raised the monthly average.

In order for a student to be marked in attendance, there has to be at least two weekly interactions. There has to be some form of correspondence through an email exchange, Google Meet or a phone call that is related to their work.

After the meeting, trustees met in closed session to discuss the superintendent’s evaluation, along with the status of teacher negotiations.

The next school board meeting is at 6 p.m. on Jan. 11 at the Administration Office.

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Caleb Jones / AP

A U.S. Navy sailor plays taps in front of the USS Missouri during a ceremony Monday to mark the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Officials gathered in Pearl Harbor to remember those killed in the 1941 Japanese attack, but public health measures adopted because of the coronavirus pandemic meant no survivors were present.

Pearl Harbor dead honored in ceremony shrunk by pandemic

By **AUDREY McAVOY**
Associated Press

HONOLULU — U.S. servicemen and women and National Park Service officials gathered at Pearl Harbor on Monday to remember those killed in the attack — but elderly survivors stayed home to pay their respects from afar to avoid health risks from the coronavirus pandemic.

The USS Arizona battleship bell rang at 7:55 a.m., the minute the attack began 79 years ago, to start a moment of silence. F-22 jets then flew overhead in missing man formation.

The Arizona today lies at the bottom of the harbor, where it sank shortly being hit by two bombs. The battleship lost 1,177 sailors and Marines, including more than 900 who remain entombed on board.

The U.S. military streamed the ceremony live online for survivors and others unable to attend in person.

“I think what we see today here is the resolve, despite a pandemic, for us to be able to pay our respects, to thank the greatest generation,” said Adm.

John Aquilino, the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, said in his keynote address. “It also is a reminder to all that nothing will stop us.”

Marines performing a rifle salute wore black masks during the ceremony, which featured a smaller crowd than in typical years.

Aquilino highlighted the story of Doris Miller, a mess attendant on board the USS West Virginia, who carried wounded shipmates to safety and manned a 50-caliber gun returning fire until he ran out of ammunition.

He continued to pull wounded sailors to safety even after an order to abandon ship. The Navy awarded Miller the Navy Cross for his heroism in 1942. Earlier this year, the Navy named its newest aircraft carrier after him.

“Today, a grateful nation reflects upon those who went above and beyond. We honor their service. We remember their sacrifice, and we pledge to continue striving for a better and safer world,” Aquilino said.

Altogether more than 2,300 U.S. troops died in the attack.

3 years after disappearance, dog and Michigan owners reunited in Illinois

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — A whiff of her old blanket was enough for Lola: The black Lab was back in her owners’ arms three years after the Michigan dog disappeared on a trip to suburban Chicago.

“I feel like I’m in a dream right now,” Debra Mejeur said Saturday when she and her husband, Steve, were reunited with Lola at DuPage County Animal Services.

Lola vanished from a fenced yard in 2017 when the Mejeurs, of Kalamazoo, were visiting a friend in Elk Grove Village.

The couple returned for about a month hoping to find a dog that was specially trained to help Debra Mejeur in case of a seizure. The Mejeurs posted notices,

got help from volunteers and hired a professional pet searcher. No luck.

DuPage County authorities got a call last week from a couple in Glendale Heights who had noticed Lola the past few years going into a forest preserve. They had been leaving food for the dog and earned her trust.

A microchip revealed Lola’s owners. “I still had an ounce of hope, I guess, but the majority of me was thinking she had already crossed the rainbow bridge. I was just completely stunned,” Debra Mejeur said.

Lola wagged her tail when she smelled her old blanket. Of course, no one knows how the dog survived for three years.

“If she could talk,” Debra Mejeur said.

Samuel de Leon Roda

Sept. 1, 1931 – Dec. 4, 2020

Dr. Samuel de Leon Roda, 89, of Coloma, passed away Friday, Dec. 4, 2020.

There will be a private burial on Wednesday, Dec. 9, with immediate family members only.

Memorial contributions can be made to Caring Circle, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. Leave a message of comfort for his family online at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Sam was a long-standing physician for almost 50 years. He was dearly loved by his patients and highly respected by his peers. In 1966, Sam received his doctorate of medicine at Southwestern University in the Philippines.

After moving to the United States and becoming a U.S. citizen in 1970, he completed his internship and residency in Chicago. In 1984, Sam moved to Coloma, where he had a solo practice in family medicine.

He was a member of the



board of directors and member of the Hospital Foundation at Community Hospital, where he served two terms as chief of medical staff. He retired in 2014, after a long, illustrious career in the medical profession.

Sam dedicated his personal time to several philanthropic medical missions. He traveled to remote areas of the Philippines, where he treated poor and underprivileged communities lacking medical care. He truly wanted to make a difference in others’ lives.

Sam is preceded in death by his parents, Antonino and Mercedes Roda; and brother, Johnny Roda. He is survived by his wife, Donna; children, Anabel Roda (Michael Cielenski), Daphne (Greg) Esposito, and stepson, Bradley (Sarah) Parrigin; grandchildren, Samuel and Naomi Parrigin; siblings, Leon (Gladys) Roda II, Letty (Maxima) Monterde, Rodel (Karl) Meier, Pedro (Evelyn) Roda and Charity Roda Lim; and sister-in-law, Charito Roda.

Michael Lynn Johnson

Sept. 17, 1961 – Nov. 23, 2020

Michael Lynn “Big Mike” Johnson, 59, of Benton Harbor, passed away, Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of home going service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at The Ark of the Covenant Church, 848 Buss Ave., Benton Harbor, with Pastor Roy Askew Sr. officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

Memorial donations in Michael’s name can be made to the family c/o Regina Johnson.

Those wishing to sign Michael’s memory book online can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Michael was born Sept. 17, 1961, in Berrien Springs to James “Bo” and Irma Lee (Martin) Johnson.

He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1979. After high school, he served his country in the U.S.



Army. Michael was previously employed at Coloma Frozen Foods as a fork lift operator, and attended Blue Roof Church in St. Joseph.

Michael is survived by his siblings, Jerome (Venita) Martin of Ohio, James Johnson of Benton Harbor, Debra Johnson of Georgia, Regina Johnson and Irma Johnson, both of Benton Harbor, Antoine Johnson of Wisconsin; his former wife, Lavern Doss; stepchildren, Shanette and Jeanette Simms of Tennessee, Felix Simms of Michigan, Darnell and Nicole Simms, both of Kentucky, Patrick Simms and LaMont Lockhart, both of Tennessee; three stepbrothers; four stepsisters; two aunts, Hazel (Joe) Grif-fin and Margaret Batiest, both of Benton Harbor; and nieces, nephews and extended family.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents; and his grandparents, Walter and Ruthie Martin, and Willie and Mary Johnson.



See more obituaries on Page A5

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Flag holder
 - Abner
 - Shrill barks
 - Where Tehran is
 - GI morale booster
 - Norwegian port
 - Penny
 - Polish
 - Astute
 - Ferocious bear
 - Covers with crumbs
 - Motor-homes
 - Mr. Brynner
 - Moderator
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 - Watch chain
 - Tibetan gazelle
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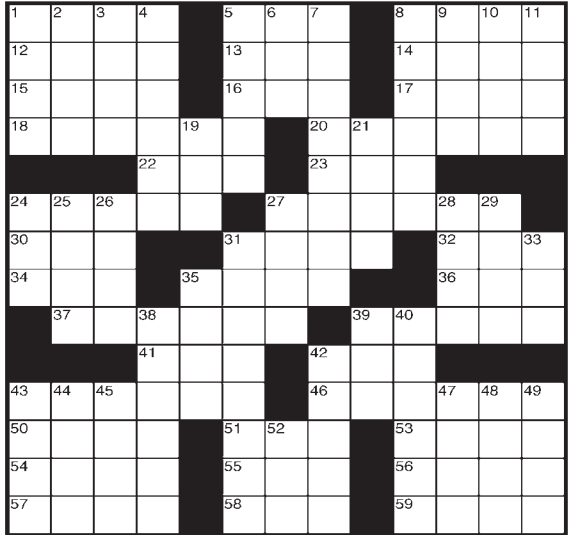
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Bumpkins
- Riding the waves
- Answered a judge
- Close relatives
- Broad st.
- Artifice
- Unit of energy
- Secure a boat
- Ta-ta, in Turin
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- Phoocy!
- Tree trunk
- Tuna salad ingredient
- Half a pair
- Dog trainer of note
- Soap opera
- The Mammoth Hunters’ heroine
- Roulette color
- Chemist’s amount
- Bounty rival
- Discharge
- Pops
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DHIWT

NYADH

SUCINO

CRAAED

THE

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Saturday’s

Jumbles: SUEDE SALSA SNAZZY DEPICT

Answer: Saying, “Joe Montana threw for 273 NFL touchdowns,” is an example of — “PASSED”-TENSE



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

BRIDGE

Sir Winston Churchill, who was born in breath-taking Blenheim Palace, said, “Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on the strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter.”

Bridge players should bear that in mind. South felt like he had been blown over by a hurricane after today’s deal. What do you think of the auction, and how should declarer have played in five diamonds after West led the spade queen?

South might have opened two clubs, but given the one-diamond start, three diamonds was a major underbid. He should have jumped

to three no-trump, showing at least six strong diamonds, 18 or 19 high-card points, in theory black-suit stoppers and, often, a singleton heart. North’s three-heart rebid was also strange, since it promised a six-card suit. Why not continue with three spades?

Note that three no-trump makes because the club suit blocks.

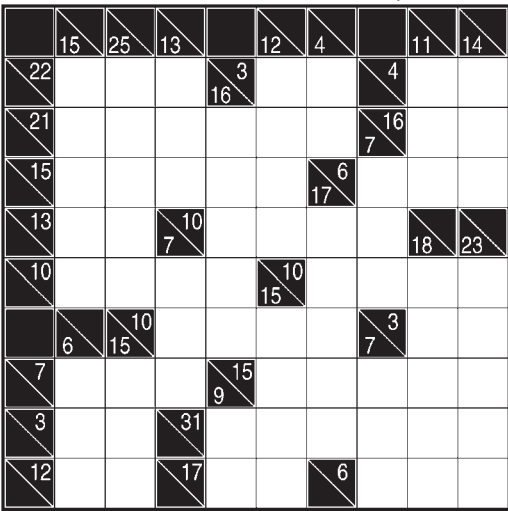
Looking at all 52 cards, South can take 13 tricks via three spades (finessing dummy’s 10 on the second round), two hearts and eight diamonds. But the declarer, thinking that it wasn’t necessary to assume West had the spade jack, won with the spade king, cashed the heart ace, played a diamond to the jack and dis-

North		12-07-20	
♠	A 10 5 2		
♥	K J 10 9 6		
♦	J		
♣	10 6 4		
West		East	
♠	Q J 8 7 3	♥	9
♥	8	♦	Q 7 5 4 3 2
♦	10 6	♣	9 4
♣	J 7 5 3 2	♠	A Q 9 8
South		North	
♠	K 6 4	♥	A
♥	A	♦	A K Q 8 7 5 3 2
♦	A	♣	K
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠Q			

carded a spade (not the club king!) on the heart king.

A Category 5 hurricane came out of nowhere. West ruffed and led a spade, trumped by East. Then East cashed the club ace for down one.

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★

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How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

1	2	3	4	5	6	8	1
2	3	8	6	9	7	9	8
1	2	3	5	7	8	1	6
3	5	9	8	4	8	9	2
5	4	8	2	9	9	5	1
4	8	3	2	1	9	8	4
1	2	3	9	1	9	8	7
7	9	1	9	8	7	6	2
9	8	2	8	7	6	5	1

Difficulty Level ★★

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

8			9	3	5		7	2
	3			4		6		
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
1	3	7	2	6	8	4	5	9
6	5	8	9	4	7	2	1	3
2	9	4	5	3	1	8	7	6
8	1	3	6	5	9	7	2	4
4	2	5	8	7	3	9	6	1
7	6	9	1	2	4	5	3	8
5	7	1	4	9	6	3	8	2
3	4	6	7	8	2	1	9	5
9	8	2	3	1	5	6	4	7

OBITUARIES

Howard Charles Adams

Aug. 8, 1958 – Dec. 5, 2020

Howard Charles Adams, 62, of St. Joseph passed away Saturday morning, Dec. 5, 2020. He was at the home he built for his parents surrounded by his loving family on Paw Paw Lake in Coloma.

Howard was born Aug. 8, 1958, in Sturgis, Mich., the oldest son of Charles and Mary (Spaniola) Adams.

He graduated from River Valley High School, where he set a track record and excelled in the building and trades program. He went on to Ferris State University, graduating with business and building and construction degrees. While at Ferris holding 22 credit hours, he worked at the Pine Shops building furniture. He married Kelly Ann Byrne of Bloomfield Hills, and the following year they welcomed a baby boy, Wesley Charles, before he graduated and they relocated to Colorado.

Returning to St. Joseph after five years, Kelly, Howard and Wesley settled into a home on Lions Park Drive and started the restoration of that historic structure. This led to the purchase and restoration of four more properties and the start of weekly rentals to tourists visiting Michigan's Great Southwest. These rental properties were uniquely decorated and featured in The Herald-Palladium. Their bright colors of pink, yellow, purple and aqua gave a festive resort look to the Silver Beach community.

In the summer of 1998, they welcomed another baby boy, Logan Howard, who was named after Logan Drake, the founder of the Silver Beach Amusement Park.

Howard was an extraordinary carpenter and artist. He remodeled the Grande Mere Inn while still in high school. Jack Sparks, CEO of Whirlpool, commissioned him to carve Bacchus, the wine god, on his wine cellar door. A celebratory dinner was held at its installation.

He specialized in astonishing custom finish work for



many high-profile clients on their Lake Michigan homes. Challenges intrigued him. Some of his last projects included a Lake Michigan seawall with multiple landings and stairs, saving the bluff from erosion, and a custom home that will serve as a permanent monument to his craftsmanship. He has made a significant impact across Southwest Michigan, and his work will continue to speak for him for many years to come.

Generous with his gift and a master of his craft, he was a mentor to many with whom he worked. Many carpenters will tell you they learned what they know from "Howie." He was very proud of his work, but never boastful, like another carpenter, St. Joseph, who was also very humble.

Outside of his work, Howie enjoyed boating, fishing, windsurfing, gardening, supporting his sons, listening to music (loudly), and being with friends and family. Howie and Kelly's home at Silver Beach has always had an "open door" policy where all were welcome to stop by and share a laugh.

Howie leaves so many friends who love him, and a family devastated by their loss. He is survived by his wife, Kelly; sons, Wes (wife Andi) and Logan; brothers, Jeff (wife Trish) and Chris (wife Carrie); a sister, Theresa Bruza; his parents, Chuck and Mary Adams; and 11 loving nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at St. John's Catholic Church at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, with a live stream available at www.youtube.com/channel/UCYImSPetGpjLIMC5F0W6XbQ. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery. A celebration of life will be on his birthday Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021.

Memorials can be made to the family in care of Kelly Adams.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Gail K. Evans, 78, of Berrien Springs, passed away at his home on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Kevin Shelly officiating. Friends can visit with the family from noon until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Caring Circle, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph; or American Legion Post 345, 9214 First St., Baroda.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Gail was born on Nov. 2, 1942, to Vernon "Bill" and Minnie (Nitz) Evans in Hinchman, Mich.

He graduated from Berrien Springs High School, and then continued his education at Michigan State College, where he studied agriculture.

On Feb. 20, 1964, Gail married Margaret Pullins at St. Peter's Catholic Church in St. Joseph.

He worked for his family's business, Evans Agricultural Services, until the company



was sold in 1991. He then worked for Ausco Products for 15 years before his retirement.

Gail was a member of Zion United Church of Christ in Baroda and the Baroda American Legion. He enjoyed working on his farm and gardening. He also enjoyed visiting all the other local farmers, and he was often caught saying he was "working overtime, at the office."

Gail is survived by his daughters, Lisa (Jerry) Burnham, Vicki (Gerry) Spitzke, Debra (Brien) Dowell and Amy Martin, all of Berrien Springs; grandchildren, Jessica (Wyatt), Lauren (Cameron), Jordan, Nikki, Victoria (Sam), Veronica (Pau), Vanessa, Evan, Tyler, Samantha (Nick) and Rebecca (David); great-grandchildren, Allie, Westin, Maverick, Samiu, Margarethe, Devin, Desmond, Dave, Charlotte and three on the way; brothers, David Evans and Vernon (Cindy) Evans; girlfriend, Jenny Schroeder, and her grandson, Kenneth Schroeder.

Gail was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Minnie Evans; and brothers, Darwin Evans, Larry Evans and Ron Evans.

Gail K. Evans

Nov. 2, 1942 – Dec. 5, 2020

Margaret Lucille Adams

Aug. 12, 1923 – Dec. 4, 2020

Margaret (Marge) Lucille Adams, 97, passed away Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, at South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

A family funeral service will be at a later date at Keeler Cemetery.

Arrangements are being made by Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township.

Share messages, memories or photos online at www.florin.net.

"It was love in the beginning and love to the end" – a poem by her son, Steve, written to his mother for Mother's Day:

A young girl was born in Indiana to the union of Jess and Anna.

She ran, she played, she loved to sing and dance.

When she met Ed, she discovered romance.

No one could tell her he wasn't the one

and to this union was born one beautiful daughter and five rambunctious sons.

The first was Tom; their pride and joy.

They truly loved their baby boy.

Then came the war and Ed had to leave.

Before he left, they created Dennis Keith.

After the war, it was time to settle down.

They returned to a home in Blossomland town.

Ed went to work at the pool called Whirl.

Lo and behold, this time it was a girl.

They curled her hair and dressed her in lace.

Ed was so proud of Lorrie's pretty little face.

Then came Steve; he was a happy little boy.

His smile brought them lots of Joy.

A short time later, came another beautiful little grin; they called him Stan but we called him Lynn.

David came, it seemed real fast.



Carolyn thinks they saved the best for last.

There were six in all; none were the same.

The one thing they shared was the proud Adams name.

We all grew up and went our separate ways

to leave Ed and Marge to enjoy peaceful days.

As they looked back over their lives, they began to realize

The good far outweighed the strife.

It was love in the beginning and love to the end that always allowed Ed

to be Marge's forever boyfriend.

It was true love that kept them living as one and allowed them to raise their beautiful daughter and five fine sons.

Margaret was born on Aug. 12, 1923, in Attica, Ind., to Jessie and Anna (Lilly) Craft.

On Aug. 27, 1942, Margaret married the love of her life, Edward Adams, and they enjoyed 65 years of marriage until his death in 2008.

Margaret was a very loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She always had a song to sing and loved playing the organ. She was known for her beautiful rose gardens and enjoyed working with her flowers. But the thing she loved and cherished most in this world was her family.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Lorrie Conklin of Navarre, Fla.; sons, Steven (Debbie) Adams of Dowagiac, Stanley (Betty) Adams of Gobles, and David (Carolyn) Adams of St. Joseph; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Adams; sons, Thomas and Dennis; daughter-in-law, Susan; son-in-law, George Conklin; eight brothers and sisters; and grandson, Keith Adams.

Thomas William Trux

Jan. 25, 1951 – Nov. 20, 2020

Thomas William Trux, 69, of Dowagiac, formerly of Hartford, passed away Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at home.

Thomas was born Jan. 25, 1951, in Benton Harbor, the son of Glenn and Shirley (King) Trux, both of whom preceded him in passing. Also preceding him in passing was a brother, Mark Trux.

Thomas retired from Gast Manufacturing of Benton Harbor after many years of service. He was also an inventor, trying to create inventions that could be used in everyday life.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Jacqueline (Shagonaby) Trux; five children,

Matthew Trux of Coloma, Benjamin Trux, Tom (Tina) Johnson and Melissa Johnson, all of Hartford, and David (Kim) Johnson of Dowagiac; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Shelley Miller of Tampa, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Thomas has been cremated, and no public services are scheduled at this time.

The family has entrusted Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford with arrangements.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family can do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Death notices

Howard Charles Adams, 62, of St. Joseph died Dec. 5, 2020, in Coloma. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Bernadette Renee David died Nov. 7, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Gail K. Evans, 78, of Berrien Springs died Dec. 5, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Terry Knepple, 41, of Vandalia died Dec. 4, 2020, at Elkhart General Hospital in Indiana. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Barbara Lewis, 83 of South Bend, Ind., died Dec. 6, 2020, at Heritage Point Assisted Living in Mishawaka, Ind. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Sarah Mott, 88, of Dowagiac died Dec. 7, 2020, at Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital in Dowagiac. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Claudia Raderstorf-Corr, 75, of Granger, Ind., died Dec. 6, 2020. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Samuel de Leon Roda, 89, of Coloma died Dec. 4, 2020. Hutchins Funeral

Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Gail Ann Seastrom, 60, of Niles died Dec. 3, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Evelyn Tidwell, 94, of Baroda died Dec. 6, 2020, in Baroda surrounded by family. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Thomas William Trux, 69, of Dowagiac, formerly of Hartford, died Nov. 20, 2020 at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Ralph Ward, 79, of Niles died Dec. 5, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Goldean West, 71, of Niles died Dec. 6, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Marianne Lucinda Williams, 90, of Three Oaks died Dec. 6, 2020. Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

William Zehm, 93, of Berrien Springs died Dec. 6, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Bernadette Renee David

Bernadette Renee David was born in Pueblo, Colo., in 1963.

She passed away suddenly on Nov. 7, 2020, after a hard-fought battle with leukemia with her husband and sister by her side. She will always be remembered by the love she had for her family. She was born to be a mom, grandma, auntie and sister. Taking care of people came naturally to her, and she always put others first – she was selfless to the very end.

She married the love of her life, Tom David Sr., at just 18 years old. Together they raised three children: Tom David Jr. (Chris Doyen), Brandon David and Amanda Herman (Keith, Gwen and Jack).

Bernadette loved her grandchildren, who called her Bama, more than anything. Gwen could do nothing wrong in Bama's eyes, and Jacky was always called her sweet boy. They enjoyed traveling together as a family – her favorite trip being the one they took to Cedar Point.

She also is survived by her father, Harry William Dohner; her mother, Gloria Carolina Dohner; her brother, William Dohner (Valerie); niece and nephews, Nikki, Ethan, Liam and Reid Dohner; her sister, Natalie Siebenmark (Thomas); and nephews, Ryne (Alecia and Ryne Jr.) and Nathan Siebenmark.

She worked extremely hard throughout her career as a retail manager, employing



many people throughout the community, some who followed her from storefront to storefront because she was such a wonderful manager. Her biggest career accomplishment was opening up the new Bath and Body Works in Benton Harbor, and cutting the ribbon.

She loved spending her days lounging by the pool. You never saw her without her beloved dog, Steve, by her side. The door was always open to friends and family. Bernadette's family says, "If we knew you and we liked you, we loved you – and that was because of our mom." She made everyone feel like family.

She was one of a kind, and one of the kindest people you will ever know. She taught her children to appreciate the finer things in life. Her outlook on life was, "Life's too short, always call your liquor and tip 20 percent."

She was fabulous and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of life memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Visitation precedes the service from 1-2 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Project Daymaker Winnebago will be stopping in Benton Harbor on Tuesday to provide free shampoos and haircuts to the homeless and needy. It is sponsored by Ave-da Corp., a Minneapolis-based maker of beauty products, according to Shelly Pallas of St. Joseph, an Aveda account executive. Local salons and hairdressers in the area raised more than \$8,700. This made Benton Harbor one of the first stops. Because of the large amount of money earned, Benton Harbor will be visited by the traveling salon often.

1985 – 35 years ago

On Saturday, the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan

will hold a “Christmas for the Animals Party,” during which people are invited to drop off gifts for the shelter’s animals. Val Grimes, executive director, said gifts for the animals will be placed under a tree decorated with catnip toys, dog bones and bells for the birds.

1970 – 50 years ago

“Max” will soon be joining the staff at Allegan Health Center. Hospital employees launched a campaign to raise money to purchase Max, a mobile emergency life-support unit for cardiopulmonary emergencies. The campaign raised enough to purchase accessories, which will make the unit even more valuable in saving lives.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 8, the 343rd day of 2020. There are 23 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Imperial Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date:

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued his Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction for the South.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1972, a United Airlines Boeing 737 crashed while attempting to land at Chicago-Midway Airport, killing 43 of the 61 people on board, as well as two people on the ground; among the dead were Dorothy Hunt,

wife of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt, U.S. Rep. George W. Collins, D-Ill., and CBS News correspondent Michele Clark.

In 1980, rock star and former Beatle John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty at the White House calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1998, struggling to stave off impeachment, President Bill Clinton’s defenders forcefully pleaded his case before the House Judiciary Committee. The Supreme Court ruled that police cannot search people and their cars after merely ticketing them for routine traffic violations.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Chance Showers	Few Showers
42°	36°	46° / 37°	47° / 38°	51° / 45°	49° / 33°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 42°, humidity of 63%. West southwest wind 8 to 18 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 36°. West southwest wind 13 to 19 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 27°.

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday
Temperature
High 39°
Low 29°
Normal High 37°
Normal Low 24°
Record High 58° in 2004
Record Low -3° in 2005
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal for month 0.61"
Year to date 32.03"
Normal Year to date 35.94"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise 8:01 a.m.
Sunset 5:13 p.m.
Moonrise 12:32 a.m.
Moonset 1:52 p.m.



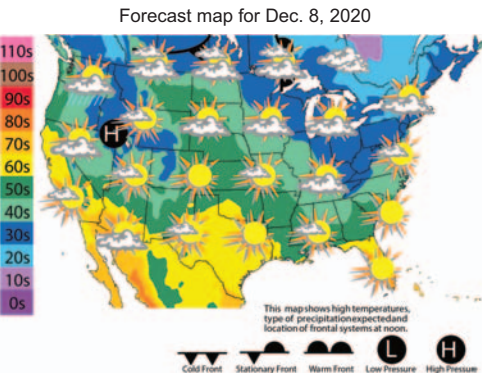
Air Quality

Yesterday 46
Main Offender Particles
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.
0-50 Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
151-200 Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

How long does a cumulus cloud last?
Answer: Ten to 15 minutes on average.

National Weather Map



For latest weather updates: www.UpdatedWx.com/HP

Lake Michigan

Today, WSW wind 9 to 18 kt, with gusts as high as 24 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 3 ft. Water temperature 39 degrees. Tonight, WSW wind 18 to 20 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 4 to 5 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 8 to 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 40s. West wind 6 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. West southwest wind 8 to 18 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 40s. West southwest wind 8 to 13 mph.

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state were reporting critical staffing issues. The Michigan Health & Hospital Association urged the public to “honor” health care workers by getting a flu shot, wearing a mask, avoiding social gatherings and washing hands.

“We are in this together,” CEO Brian Peters said.

A top restaurant industry official, though, said he was “exceptionally disappointed” albeit not surprised.

“We firmly believe there is a better approach – one followed by 45 other states – that doesn’t use blunt force closure of a single industry to resolve a shared crisis,” said Justin

Winslow, president and CEO of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association. Restaurant dining rooms will have been closed for 118 days, nearly a third of the year, later this month.

“We maintain that a more nuanced approach that allows for limited indoor capacity with a curfew will result in greater compliance, better health outcomes and substantially reduced economic fallout,” Winslow said.

Whitmer said it is no one’s fault that restaurants must bar indoor dining. “This is how COVID-19 spreads. It’s just that simply – the science of the virus,” she said.

The current restrictions, many of which were in place earlier in the pandemic, took effect Nov. 18.

The seven-day average of daily new cases was 6,918 on Sunday, down from 7,604 two weeks before, according to the COVID Tracking Project. The rate of tests coming back positive, 12.4 percent, was up from 11.3 percent. The average daily death count was 122 – an increase from 71.3 on Nov. 22 – and the fourth-highest in the country.

More than 4,100 people were hospitalized with symptoms, including about 500 on ventilators.

Whitmer said the administration is “very worried” that Thanksgiving could have a “significant” effect on cases and hospitalizations. The state will start to see the impact Thursday, two weeks after the holiday, she said.

How did that all come about?

I had been working since June, but was promoted after the long-time manager of the Women’s Business Center, Margaret Adams, retired. She founded the WBC in 2004. I knew that they were going to be restructuring and hiring new staff. That’s why there is a director now as well as a new manager.

Did you set any goals for yourself after taking the job?

My goal is to service our clients in the best way that we possibly can that is most meaningful for them to be successful in their business endeavors.

Where do you see the center going in the next few years?

I hope to see our programming to be expanded further into Van Buren and Cass counties as well as in Berrien County. I’m hoping more small business owners become aware of our services.

Any business owners can contact the WBC by visiting www.cornestonewbc.com and request a small business services orientation through the home page.

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I learned about it online through a local employment agency. Most people will recognize me from the Box Factory, but I found myself unexpectedly laid off and was exploring new opportunities and came across the posting.

What does a normal day at the Women’s Business Center look like for you?

I don’t know if there’s been a normal day. I have yet to work in the office. We focus on counseling one-on-one. We help clients who are starting or growing their business, who are also doing training on navigating the pandemic. That has been our focus for this year.

We’ve been busy. We’ve had many new clients. People have had to pivot into something different and need assistance.

What’s your favorite part of the job so far?

Working with the clients in our small business community. They are the key to our community’s economic future. We are hoping to develop home-grown businesses in our own community. That’s meaningful work to me.

You were recently promoted.

PATZER

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I still do that in addition to what I do now.

What did you do before that?

This is the first time I have not been employed by an arts organization. Most recently, I was executive director for the Box Factory For The Arts. Prior to that, I was the general manager to the Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy in Chicago.

What made you join the Women’s Business Center?

I had been in administrative roles in the arts organizations, but I had always had an interest in women’s issues. My major is in art history, but my minor is in women’s studies. I thought it was a great fit for me.

I also feel strongly toward the focus of the business center in providing individuals, who typically face barriers, help to start businesses. The WBC does not only offer services to women. Our services are available to anyone, but the focus is on women, minorities, or low-income clients.

How did you learn of the position?

VACCINES

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Unfortunately huge number of infections meant scientists didn’t have to wait long to learn the shots appeared to be working.

But long before COVID-19 was on the radar, the groundwork was laid in large part by two different streams of research, one at the NIH and the other at the University of Pennsylvania – and because scientists had learned a bit about other coronaviruses from prior SARS and MERS outbreaks.

“When the pandemic started, we were on a strong footing both in terms of the science” and experience handling mRNA, said Dr. Tal Zaks, chief medical officer of Massachusetts-based Moderna.

Traditionally, making vaccines required growing viruses or pieces of viruses – often in giant vats of cells or, like most flu shots, in chicken eggs – and then purifying them before next steps in brewing shots.

The mRNA approach is radically different. It starts with a snippet of genetic code that carries instructions for making proteins. Pick the right virus protein to target, and the body turns into a mini vaccine factory.

“Instead of growing up a virus in a 50,000-liter drum and inactivating it, we could deliver RNA and our bodies make the protein, which starts the immune response,” said Penn’s Dr. Drew Weissman.

Fifteen years ago, Weissman’s lab was trying to harness mRNA to make a variety of drugs and vac-

cines. But researchers found simply injecting the genetic code into animals caused harmful inflammation.

Weissman and a Penn colleague now at BioNTech, Katalin Kariko, figured out a tiny modification to a building block of lab-grown RNA that let it slip undetected past inflammation-triggering sentinels.

“They could essentially make a stealth RNA,” said Pfizer chief scientific officer Dr. Philip Dormitzer.

Other researchers added a fat coating, called lipid nanoparticles, that helped stealth RNA easily get inside cells and start production of the target protein.

Meanwhile at the NIH, Dr. Barney Graham’s team figured out the right target – how to use the aptly named “spike” protein that coats the coronavirus to properly

prime the immune system.

The right design is critical. It turns out the surface proteins that let a variety of viruses latch onto human cells are shape-shifters – rearranging their form before and after they’ve fused into place. Brew a vaccine using the wrong shape and it won’t block infection.

“You could put the same molecule in one way and the same molecule in another way and get an entirely different response,” Fauci explained.

That was a discovery in 2013, when Graham, deputy director of NIH’s Vaccine Research Center, and colleague Jason McLellan were investigating a decades-old failed vaccine against RSV, a childhood respiratory illness.

They homed in on the right structure for an RSV protein

and learned genetic tweaks that stabilized the protein in the correct shape for vaccine development. They went on to apply that lesson to other viruses, including researching a vaccine for MERS, a COVID-19 cousin, although it hadn’t gotten far when the pandemic began.

“That’s what put us in a position to do this rapidly,” Graham told the AP in February before the NIH’s vaccine was first tested in people. “Once you have that atomic-level detail, you can engineer the protein to be stable.”

Likewise, Germany’s BioNTech in 2018 had partnered with New York-based Pfizer to develop a more modern mRNA-based flu vaccine, giving both companies some early knowledge about how to handle the technology.

“This was all brewing. This didn’t come out of nowhere,” said Pfizer’s Dormitzer.

Last January, shortly after the new coronavirus was reported in China, BioNTech CEO Ugur Sahin switched gears and used the same method to create a COVID-19 vaccine.

Moderna also was using mRNA to develop vaccines against other germs including the mosquito-borne Zika virus – research showing promise but that wasn’t moving rapidly since the Zika outbreak had fizzled.

Then at the NIH, Graham woke up on Saturday Jan. 11 to see Chinese scientists had shared the genetic map of the new coronavirus. His team got to work on the right-shaped spike protein. Days later, they sent Moderna that recipe – and the vaccine race was on.

both Mars Elementary School and Berrien Springs High School.

The state reported that there were two cases at each school, with both students and teachers being infected in both instances.

Outbreaks are defined as two or more COVID-19 cases who may have shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households.

No outbreaks were reported at any Van Buren or Cass county schools this week.

Long-term care facilities

Several new outbreaks at area long-term care facilities were reported Monday by the state.

The largest outbreak is at Royalton Manor in St. Joseph, which recorded 54 new resident cases, 18 new staff cases and three new resident deaths.

The outbreak at Riveridge Rehab and Health Center at Niles continues to grow, with 50 new resident cases, four new resident deaths and 23 new staff cases being reported Monday.

Pine Ridge Rehab and Nursing Center in Stevensville also is still battling an outbreak, with 11 new resident cases and nine new staff cases being reported Monday.

The Willows in St. Joseph also had 20 new resident and seven new staff cases reported.

Graceway at Countryside in South Haven had 54 new resident cases, one resident death and 21 new staff cases.

The Timbers of Cass County in Dowagiac had 16 new resident and three new staff cases, according to the report.

A few other area facilities reported new cases in residents and staff this week. View the whole report at michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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Michigan high school sports remain paused

Fall tournaments, winter practices won't be able to resume until Dec. 21

By HP STAFF

The MHSAA is still hoping to finish its fall high school sports tournaments, but that won't happen at least until winter begins. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Ser-

vices will extend restrictions to slow the spread of COVID-19 through Dec. 20, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Monday. The restrictions, which include a ban on high school sports, were set to expire on Wednesday, allowing fall and winter sports teams to resume activities. Now they can't start up until at least Dec. 21, the first day of winter. The MHSAA responded to the decision on Monday, but

will not make new plans until its representative council meets on Wednesday. "We realize the crisis our medical caregivers and first responders are navigating and understand the need to continue the pause," MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "However, the MHSAA had provided a detailed plan to both Gov. Whitmer and MDHHS that would have completed fall tournaments with no spec-

tators as safely as possible during the month of December along with allowing winter sport practices to resume. While we are disappointed in today's announcement, we will continue to look forward as we remain committed to play three sports seasons to their conclusion. The MHSAA Representative Council will meet on Wednesday of this week to chart out another plan for finishing fall and restarting winter."

The local team most affected is Lakeshore football. The Lancers defeated St. Joseph 14-9 for the district championship on Nov. 14, and were set to play at top-ranked DeWitt for the regional championship the following weekend. That game was later postponed to 1 p.m. Dec. 15, and will now have to be moved again if the season is to be completed. DeWitt defeated Lakeshore 43-6 on Oct. 23 in the final game of the reg-

ular season. The St. Joseph and Bridgman co-op girls swimming and diving teams each had swimmers qualify for the state finals. Those events were initially postponed to Dec. 22 and 23 to allow athletes a two-week practice window to prepare. Winter sports competition had already been postponed until January, and with teams not able to practice until at least Dec. 21, could be pushed back further.



Detroit Lions head coach Darrell Bevell carries a game ball as he leaves the field following a 34-30 win over the Chicago Bears on Sunday.

Lions feeling good about themselves after big win for interim coach Bevell

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

DETROIT — No matter what happens for the rest of his tenure as Detroit's interim coach, Darrell Bevell has a memory he can treasure. The Lions won in dramatic fashion in Bevell's first game in charge, rallying for a 34-30 victory at Chicago on Sunday with two touchdowns in the final 2:18. For much of this season, holding leads has been Detroit's problem — so rallying from a late deficit seemed cathartic for the Lions. "It was truly an amazing

day. I don't know if I could have written the script any better, for the challenges that we faced in the game, how the guys played," Bevell said. "I think the thing that made me the proudest was the people that were sending me texts and phone calls and those kind of things just talked about what it looked like on TV, and how much fun that the guys were having." Having fun was a point of emphasis for the Lions (5-7) after what seemed like a mostly joyless two-plus seasons under coach Matt Patricia. Detroit struggled early against Chicago but didn't

give up. Matthew Stafford drove the Lions 96 yards in 2:15 to cut the deficit to three. Then Romeo Okwara forced a fumble that gave Detroit the ball at the Chicago 7. Adrian Peterson punched it in from 5 yards to put the Lions ahead. "I thought if I could get those guys playing for the love of the game and like they were 10-year-old kids again, that would make an impact," Bevell said. The Lions actually have some stakes to play for now with four games remaining. Detroit is only one game be-

hind a postseason spot in the NFC, although it's hard to put too much stock in the Lions' chances based on their performance so far. Detroit's last four games are against teams currently at .500 or better, but a win like last Sunday's should have the Lions feeling a lot better about themselves. "After that really long drive, it was like, 'OK, we're not going to lose this thing. We got faith in the defense,'" tackle Matt Nelson said. "Then when Romeo got that huge turnover, it was like,

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Heat on Nagy cranks up with Bears on 6-game losing streak

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Matt Nagy helped make football fun again in Chicago and created a buzz in the city as the Bears rolled to the NFC North championship in his first season as their coach. Two years later, the team is reeling. And the heat on Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace is intensifying. The Bears added more fuel on Sunday, blowing a 10-point lead against Detroit in the closing minutes and falling 34-30 in their sixth straight loss. Nagy didn't want to discuss his future during his postgame session with the media. And on Monday he said he hasn't talked about it with chairman George McCaskey and president Ted Phillips. "We haven't had any of those discussions," Nagy said. "Again, for me and I said it to y'all last night: My job is to make sure that I'm taking care of these players and this team. And then anything else, when that time comes, we have those discussions."

Does he think he still has management's support? "Yeah I do," Nagy said. "And I think, again, just knowing the type of team and players and person that I am and that we are, and the building that we have with Ryan and with our players, we totally understand where things are at and the frustration, understanding it. But I think that's where just communicating as to

where we're at, what we have in front of us and how we need to finish. That's the only thing that we can do. And that's exactly what our job is to do, and that's why we're here right now is to do that. So we need to do it." Nagy was hired off Andy Reid's staff in Kansas City to help Mitchell Trubisky develop into a top quarterback and boost a stagnant offense. Despite a promising start, neither has happened. Nagy has a 25-19 record, mainly because of a defense that has excelled in recent years. But that group hasn't been as effective lately. The Bears (5-7) are tied with Detroit for last place in the NFC North. They're on their worst skid since the 2002 team matched a franchise record by dropping eight in a row, but they really haven't been the same since 2018, when they won the NFC North at 12-4. They missed the playoffs at 8-8 last year. And what they hoped would be a bounce-back season has turned into a nightmare. The loss to the Lions was the ultimate gut punch. Two late touchdowns by Detroit, with a strip-sack of Trubisky deep in Bears territory in between, sent Chicago to yet another loss. It came on the heels of a blowout at Green Bay that



NAGY

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Next 8 days crucial for Harbaugh, Michigan

The next eight days will be the most uncomfortable period of Warde Manuel's tenure as athletic director. What happens could alter the course of the Michigan football program he helps manage, and there is no easy way to navigate the path to the end point. On Saturday, the Wolverines

are set to play its rivalry game against Ohio State — a program that has beaten them in 15 of the last 16 meetings and was installed as a 29-point favorite Sunday when the initial betting line was released. Less than a week later, on Dec. 16, Michigan will begin to welcome its next crop of recruits during a three-day window when national letters of intent can be signed and delivered. These two dates provide artificial deadlines for Manuel to decide the fate of head coach Jim Harbaugh, whose future at Ann Arbor is the subject of intense scrutiny in the sixth year of his regime. Since the 2020 season was reinstated, the



Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh, left, greets Penn State coach James Franklin after a Nov. 28 game.

Wolverines have stumbled to a 2-4 record while suffering losses that were both historic and embarrassing. Fans have flooded message boards to air their grievances while clamoring for a resolution of Harbaugh's status that has been in limbo since the offseason. Manuel and head football coach Jim Harbaugh have had conversations in recent days about a contract extension. The extension would offer Harbaugh a lower base salary than he currently has and a lower buyout figure, making it easier to fire him next year if needed, according to a source with direct knowledge of the conversations, who confirmed an earlier

report of the same details. The source spoke to the Free Press on the condition of anonymity because they weren't cleared to talk to the media about the discussions. The news was first reported on Twitter by author John U. Bacon, who has written several books on Michigan football. If Harbaugh is extended, Manuel could face an intense backlash, especially if the showdown with Ohio State is played and the outcome is as bad as so many predict it will be. In the event that an extension is announced before or after the Wolverines face the Buckeyes, it will be viewed through the prism of the final result against their rival.

Given the context of Michigan's current situation with Harbaugh, the timing of "The Game" couldn't be worse, and it could influence how Manuel arrives at a resolution with the early signing period looming five days later. Moving on from Harbaugh before the Wolverines procure their next class of players would seem foolhardy, and yet a delay in a divorce could impair their opportunity to find his successor. Despite these circumstances, Michigan appears to be making a good-faith effort to show up Saturday and play a game that could create enormous headaches for Manuel. Following a COVID-19 outbreak that caused a temporary shutdown and the cancellation of their contest with Maryland last Saturday, the Wolverines took the first steps Monday toward preparing for the Buckeyes by practicing in a limited capacity. "These things are very fluid," a team source cautioned. That's also true regarding the status of the football program. Manuel has so much to consider in the days ahead. Contact Rainer Sabin at rsabin@freepress.com. Follow him on Twitter @RainerSabin.

Dick Allen, fearsome hitter and 7-time All-Star, dies at 78

By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

Dick Allen, a fearsome hitter who was a seven-time All-Star, the 1964 NL Rookie of the Year and the 1972 AL MVP, has died. He was 78. The Philadelphia Phillies, the team Allen started out with, announced his death on Monday. Allen's No. 15 was retired by the Phillies in September, an honor that was considered long overdue by many for one of the franchise's greatest players who fought against racism during a tumultuous period with the team in the 1960s. "The Phillies are heartbroken over the passing today of our dear friend and co-worker, Dick Allen," the club said. "Dick will be remembered as not just one of the greatest and most popular players in our franchise's history, but also as a courageous warrior who had to overcome far too many obstacles to reach the level he did. Dick's iconic status will resonate for gen-

erations of baseball fans to come as one of the all-time greats to play America's pastime," the Phillies said. Phillies managing partner John Middleton broke from the team's longstanding "unwritten" policy of only retiring the number of players who are in the Hall of Fame to honor Allen. In 2014, he fell one vote short of Cooperstown in a Hall committee election. "I thank the city of Philadelphia. Even though it was rough, I've made some friends along the way," Allen said in an emotional ceremony on a warm, sunny afternoon. Mike Schmidt, a Hall of Fame third baseman who helped lure Allen out of retirement to return to Philadelphia for a second stint with the team in 1975, was among the former players who attended the ceremony. They wore masks and sat several feet apart during the coronavirus pandemic that shortened the major league season to 60 games. The Phillies planned to honor

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Rainer Sabin



Breakdancing gets Olympic status to debut at Paris in 2024

By **GRAHAM DUNBAR**
Associated Press

GENEVA — Breakdancing became an official Olympic sport on Monday. The International Olympic Committee’s pursuit of urban events to lure a younger audience saw street dance battles officially added to the medal events program at the 2024 Paris Games. Also confirmed for Paris by the IOC executive board were skateboarding, sport climbing, and surfing. Those three sports will make their Olympic debuts at the Tokyo Games which were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic by one year to open on July 23, 2021. Alongside the additions, the IOC made subtractions: The slate of 329 medal events in Paris is 10 fewer than in Tokyo, including four lost from weightlift-

ing, and the athlete quota in 2024 of 10,500 is around 600 less than next year. Two sports with troubled governing bodies – boxing and weightlifting – saw the biggest cuts to the number of athletes they can have in Paris. Weightlifting should have 120 athletes in Paris, which is less than half of its total at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. The sport could be dropped entirely due to its historic doping problems and IOC concerns over the pace and depth of reform at the International Weightlifting Federation. The IOC stressed its future priorities for Paris, and beyond to the 2028 Los Angeles Games, by claiming it will hit a long-term target of equal participation by men and women athletes, and more urbanized events. With Paris organizers needing time to prepare

their project, the IOC kept to its pre-pandemic schedule to confirm the 2024 sports lineup this month even before some are tested in Tokyo. Breakdancing will be called breaking at the Olympics, as it was in the 1970s by hip-hop pioneers in the United States. It was proposed by Paris organizers almost two years ago after positive trials at the 2018 Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires. Breaking passed further stages of approval in 2019 from separate decisions by the IOC board and full membership. In Paris, breaking has been given a prestige downtown venue, joining sport climbing and 3-on-3 basketball at Place de le Concorde. Surfing will be held more than 9,000 miles away in the Pacific Ocean off the beaches of Tahiti, as the IOC already agreed in March.

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‘OK, we’re definitely winning this thing, right now.’”

What’s working

Stafford threw for 402 yards and three touchdowns. The firing of Patricia and general manager Bob Quinn raised questions about how much longer Stafford will remain Detroit’s centerpiece, but this game was another reminder that this season, he’s the team’s best hope of moving the ball. “He’s been here a long time, and he’s a well-respected player on this team,” said Bevell, who was Detroit’s offensive coordinator before taking over as interim coach. “I think from the first day that I got here, thought it was important to build a good relationship with him, with clean, clear communication. You have to build that trust. You have

What needs help

Detroit’s defensive front came up with the big turnover at the end, but the Lions also allowed 23 points in the first half to a nondescript Chicago offense. The Bears outtrushed the Lions 140-60 and had three touchdowns on the ground.

Stock up

Quintez Cephus caught a 49-yard pass for the rookie receiver’s first career touchdown reception. Detroit released Marvin Hall the day before the game, so there’s room for another deep threat to emerge for the Lions. Bevell also singled out Nelson for his performance. “I think we need to make sure we talk about Matt Nelson stepping in, a converted defensive lineman,” Bevell said. “To step in there and –

Khalil Mack, to block him, and really not show up at the stat sheet, him or Robert Quinn, is a big deal.”

Stock down

Kerryon Johnson had only three carries for 3 yards as the Lions relied on Peterson in the running game. Johnson, now in his third season, hasn’t been a big part of the offense of late.

Injured

Wide receiver Kenny Golladay (hip) missed his fifth straight game, and running back D’Andre Swift (illness) did not play either. Tackle Tyrell Crosby (ankle), cornerback Mike Ford (back) and safety C.J. Moore (ankle) were hurt as well.

Next steps

The Lions host NFC North-leading Green Bay this weekend, and that’s followed by a matchup with a Tennessee team that’s tied for first in the AFC South.

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prompted Nagy to call out his team, particularly the defense. Chicago’s next three opponents – Houston, Minnesota and Jacksonville – currently have non-winning records. The Bears then finish against the Packers.

What’s working

The run game. The Bears ran for 140 yards after gaining 121 against Green Bay. They went seven straight games without reaching triple digits prior to that. David Montgomery followed up a season-high 103-yard performance by carrying 17 times for 72 yards and two touchdowns.

What needs help

The defense. A top-10 unit for most of the season, the Bears have been vulnerable the past few weeks. They got lit up for 460 yards by Detroit, with Matthew Stafford throwing for 402. A week earlier, the Packers’ Aaron Rodgers threw for four TDs, the most allowed by the Bears since he passed for four scores against them at Lambeau Field in 2017.

Stock up

TE Cole Kmet. The second-round draft pick from Notre Dame was targeted a career-high seven times, with a personal-best five receptions. He caught an 11-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter to stretch Chicago’s lead to 30-20.

Stock down

Trubisky. The No. 2 overall draft pick in 2017, he is wasting a chance to showcase himself with Nick Foles sidelined by a hip and glute injury the past two games. He played turnover-free ball against Detroit until the end after giving it away three times the previous week. But with the game on the line against the Lions, he committed a crucial fumble when Romeo Okwara reached in to jar the ball loose on the strip-sack.

Next steps

The Bears will try again to stop the slide when they host Deshaun Watson and the Houston Texans on Sunday.

geses Dodgers and Chicago White Sox. He also campaigned for Allen’s induction into the Hall of Fame.

“My friends, these (negative) labels have kept Dick Allen out of the Hall of Fame,” Schmidt said. “Imagine what Dick could’ve accomplished as a player in another era, on another team, left alone to hone his skills, to be confident, to come to the ballpark every day and just play baseball.” Allen was Middleton’s favorite player as a kid. He called the abuse Allen received “horrific” and pointed out his accomplishments are even greater considering the racism he endured. Allen batted .292 with 351 homers, 1,119 RBIs and .912 OPS in 15 seasons. He played first base, third base and left field. After seven years in Philadelphia, where he rose to prominence by hammering balls over the Coca-Cola sign atop the grandstand and out of Connie Mack Stadium in batting practice, Allen played a season with the Cardinals and Dodgers. In 1972, he joined the Chicago White Sox and was the AL MVP. He finished his

15-year career with Oakland in 1977. Allen had the fifth-most home runs (319) over an 11-year span (1964-74) behind four Hall of Famers: Hank Aaron (391), Harmon Killebrew (336), Willie Stargell (335) and Willie McCovey (327). His .940 OPS during that time was second to Aaron’s .941. Allen wasn’t elected into the Hall of Fame by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America and he fell one vote short in Golden Era Committee voting in 2014. The Golden Days Committee and the Early Days Committee did not vote this year because of COVID-19 and instead will meet during the winter of 2021. Two of Allen’s brothers played in the majors. Hank was an outfielder for seven seasons, mostly with the Washington Senators, and Ron had a total of seven games for the Cardinals. “He is now reunited with his beloved daughter, Terri. The Phillies extend their condolences to Dick’s widow, Willa, his family, friends and all his fans from coast to coast,” the Phillies said.

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	3	0	.727	299	282
Miami	8	4	0	.667	303	212
New England	6	6	0	.500	274	255
N.Y. Jets	0	12	0	.000	180	353
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	328	273
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	359	326
Houston	4	8	0	.333	288	323
Jacksonville	1	11	0	.083	251	352
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	11	1	0	.917	334	211
Cleveland	9	3	0	.750	306	321
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	282	314
Cincinnati	2	9	1	.208	237	308
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	11	1	0	.917	370	254
Las Vegas	7	5	0	.583	323	347
Denver	4	8	0	.333	325	320
L.A. Chargers	3	9	0	.250	277	345

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	231	265
Washington	5	7	0	.417	264	260
Phila.	3	8	1	.292	253	307
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	251	359
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	10	2	0	.833	347	241
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	344	280
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	311	302
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	280	300
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	379	299
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	319	329
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	246	284
Detroit	5	7	0	.417	286	358
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	8	4	0	.667	301	243
Seattle	8	4	0	.667	353	321
Arizona	6	6	0	.500	332	296
San Francisco	5	6	0	.455	261	254

Sunday’s Games						
Cleveland 41, Tennessee 35						
Detroit 34, Chicago 30						
Indianapolis 26, Houston 20						
Las Vegas 31, N.Y. Jets 28						
Miami 19, Cincinnati 7						
Minnesota 27, Jacksonville 24, OT						
New Orleans 21, Atlanta 16						
L.A. Rams 38, Arizona 28						
N.Y. Giants 17, Seattle 12						
Green Bay 30, Phila. 16						
New England 45, L.A. Chargers 0						
Minnesota 22, Denver 16						
Open: Carolina, Tampa Bay						
Monday’s Games						
Washington 23, Pittsburgh 17						
Buffalo at San Francisco						
Tuesday’s Game						
Dallas at Baltimore, 8:05 p.m.						

SCOREBOARD

Thursday, Dec. 10
New England at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 13
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Miami, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 4:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Phila., 4:25 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 14
Baltimore at Cleveland, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Alabama (62)	9-0	1550	1
2. Notre Dame	10-0	1482	2
3. Ohio St.	5-0	1407	3
4. Clemson	9-1	1387	4
5. Texas A&M	7-1	1274	5
6. Florida	8-1	1233	6
7. Cincinnati	8-0	1204	7
8. Indiana	6-1	1047	10
9. Miami	8-1	1039	9
10. Iowa St.	8-2	947	12
11. Coastal Carolina	10-0	923	14
12. Georgia	6-2	914	11
13. Oklahoma	7-2	837	13
14. BYU	9-1	713	8
15. Northwestern	5-1	647	16
16. Southern Cal	3-0	624	17
17. Louisiana-Lafayette	9-1	560	20
18. Tulsa	6-1	444	22
19. Iowa	5-2	424	24
20. North Carolina	7-3	306	-
21. Colorado	4-0	253	-
22. Liberty	9-1	191	25
23. Texas	6-3	164	-
24. Buffalo	4-0	145	-
25. Wisconsin	2-2	115	18
Others receiving votes:			
NC State	98,		
Marshall	66,		
San Jose St.	66,		
Oklahoma St.	33,		
UCF	11,		
Boise St.	10,		
Washington	10,		
Auburn	9,		
Missouri	8,		
Nevada	5,		
Army	2,		
UCLA	1,		
TCU	1,		

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP Top 25 Women’s Basketball Poll
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press’ women’s college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts
1. Stanford (24)	3-0	740

2. Louisville (2)	4-0	689	5
3. UConn (2)	0-0	675	3
4. NC State (2)	4-0	670	8
5. South Carolina	4-1	647	1
6. Arizona	3-0	605	7
7. Baylor	2-1	552	4
8. Oregon	4-0	525	10
9. Kentucky	4-0	504	11
10. Texas A&M	4-0	463	12
11. UCLA	2-1	452	9
12. Mississippi St.	2-1	413	6
13. Arkansas	5-1	409	16
14. Maryland	3-1	342	14
15. Indiana	2-1	304	13
16. Oregon St.	3-0	304	17
17. Northwestern	0-0	271	15
18. Ohio St.	3-0	191	19
19. Michigan	3-0	170	24
20. Syracuse	3-0	169	22
21. Missouri St.	2-1	162	21
22. South Dakota St.	3-0	104	-
23. Texas	3-1	69	25
24. DePaul	1-2	63	20
25. Gonzaga	1-2	62	18
Others receiving votes:			
South Florida	59,		
Iowa St.	54,		
North Carolina	38,		
Arizona	31,		
Notre Dame	8,		
West Virginia	6,		
Wake Forest	5,		
Boston College	4,		
Ohio	4,		
Georgia	3,		
Virginia Tech	2,		

AP Top 25 Men’s Basketball Poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press’ college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (54)	3-0	1518	1
2. Baylor (7)	3-0	1470	2
3. Iowa	3-0	1385	3
4. Michigan St.	5-0	1296	8
5. Kansas	4-1	1195	7
6. Illinois	3-1	1104	5
7. Houston	4-0	1090	10
8. Creighton	3-0	1068	9
9. Villanova	4-1	1033	12
10. Duke	2-1	954	6
11. West Virginia	4-1	918	11
12. Tennessee	0-0	767	13
13. Wisconsin	3-1	750	4
14. Texas	4-1	750	17
15. Virginia Tech	4-0	688	16
16. North Carolina	3-1	547	14
17. Texas Tech	4-1	541	17
18. Virginia	3-1	474	15
19. Richmond	2-0	419	19
20. Florida St.	1-0	350	22
21. Rutgers	3-0	293	24
22. Ohio St.	3-0	287	23
23. Arizona St	3-1	218	25
24. San Diego St.	4-0	123	-
25. Louisville	4-0	122	-
Others receiving votes: Michigan 107, Saint Louis 94, Florida 90, Indiana 40, Oregon 26, Oklahoma St 26, Marquette 22, Missouri 19, UConn 12, Xavier 9, Clemson 7, Alabama 5, Washington St 3, Maryland 2, UCLA 1, SMU 1, Oklahoma 1.			

Oklahoma school apologizes after students pack stadium maskless

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Jenks Public Schools issued an apology after its football fans received widespread criticism for not wearing masks or following social distancing recommendations during a state championship game on Saturday.

A photo the Tulsa-area school district posted to its Facebook page following the team’s win over Edmond Santa Fe showed dozens of fans packed shoulder-to-shoulder, most of them not wearing masks. “Jenks Public Schools acknowledges and accepts this criticism,” the district said in a statement posted to its page on Sunday. “There were too many high school students without masks and too many high school students in close contact with one another. This is not the kind of safe environment JPS seeks to create for students and staff members.”

The University of Central Oklahoma and the City of Edmond, where the game was played, both have rules in place that require people to wear masks when around others in public. David Jackson, the executive director of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association, said the group worked diligently with the university to limit attendance, require masks for entry and mark seats for spacing, but that many of those rules were ignored after the game ended, particularly in the student section. “The student section and the parents couldn’t get on the field, and they congregated. That made the picture look really bad, and we understand that,” Jackson said. “But we don’t think that was the way people managed themselves throughout the game.”

Jackson said the OSSAA will work with the university and school administrators to be stricter about compliance during this weekend’s football championship games, including ejecting people who refuse to comply with safety protocols.

Oklahoma has seen dramatic increases in its coronavirus cases, positivity rate and deaths, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

Oklahoma health officials on Monday reported 1,903 confirmed cases of coronavirus and 15 additional deaths, bringing the total number of confirmed infections to 218,389 and the state’s death count to 1,911 since the pandemic began in March. The true number of

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING DEC. 8							
	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(33)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelorette The men vie for a hometown date. (N) [6] (DVS)			:01 Big Sky "Unfinished Business" (N)		
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Blood and Treasure" (N)		FBI "Liar's Poker" (N) [6]		FBI: Most Wanted "Deconflict" (N)	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	The Voice "Live Top 9 Results" (N) [6]		Transplant "Relapse" (N)		Transplant "The Only Way Out Is Through"	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	NFL Pre-game	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Baltimore Ravens. (N) (L) [6]					
PBS (34)	The Bee Gees One for All Tour -- Live in Australia 1989 [6]				Best of WNIT		
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Swamp Thing "Long Walk Home" (N)		Tell Me a Story "Thorns and All" (N)		News	Seinfeld [6]
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Dateline "Before Midnight" [6]		Chicago P.D. "New Normal"		Chicago P.D. "Endings" [6] (DVS)	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Swap Thing "Long Walk Home" (N)		Tell Me a Story "Thorns and All" (N)		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "A Long Shot" [6]		Highway to Heaven "Choices" [6]		Nightly News	
WGN (8)	News	black-ish [6]	black-ish [6]	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) [6]	
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	:01 Storage Wars	:32 Storage Wars
AMC	6:00 [6] Scrooged	[6] *** Elf '03, Children's Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. [6]				[6] *** The Polar Express '04 [6]	
Animal	Alaskan	Alaskan Bush People: Wild Life (N)					Yukon Men (N)
BET	** Boo! A	Madea Halloween		:05 [6] ** Madea's Family Reunion			
Big Ten	College Hockey		College Hockey Minnesota at Michigan. (N) [6]				
Bravo	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Don't Be Tardy ...	Don't Be Tardy ...	Watch What
Cartoon	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	6:05 [6] 8 Mile	[6] Can You Keep a Secret? '19) Alexandra Daddario. [6]			:35 [6] ** Brown Sugar '02) Taye Diggs, Mos Def. [6]		
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Cheerleaders	
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk
Discovery	Moonshiners	Moonshiners (N) [6]			Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts "Outlaw Holidays" (N) [6]		
Disney	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Raven	Raven
DIY	Off Grid	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	[6] ** Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit '93 [6]						Celebrity Game Face
ESPN	College Basketball North Carolina at Iowa.				College Basketball		
ESPN2	College Basketball				College Basketball		
ESPNc	Football	College Football From Nov. 27, 1999.				College Football	
Food	Chopped	Chopped [6]		Chopped (N) [6]		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) [6]		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	MHSAA Football Classics				Inside	Spartans
Freefrm	The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause		:20 [6] ** Almost Christmas '16, Comedy-Drama) Danny Glover, Gabrielle Union. (P). [6]				
FX	BlackKlansman	[6] ** Transformers: The Last Knight '17) Mark Wahlberg. The war between Transformers and humans threatens Earth. [6]					
Golf	Golf	PGA TOUR		Golf's Greatest Rounds (N) [6]			
Hallmark	Enchanted	[6] Christmas Waltz '20, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp. [6]				[6] Christmas in Rome '19 [6]	
HBO	6:40 [6] *** Just Mercy '19) Michael B. Jordan. [6]	[6] 40 Years a Prisoner '20) An activist's lifelong fight to exonerate his parents. [6]					
History	Oak Is	Digging Deeper		Curse-Island		Beyond Oak Island	
HGTV	Fixer to	Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Fixer to Fabulous		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Welcome	Fat Fabulous		Fat Fabulous		Welcome	
Lifetime	Christmas in	[6] Snowed Inn Christmas '17, Romance) Bethany Joy Lenz, Andrew W. Walker. [6]			:03 [6] Hometown Christmas '18 [6]		
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Sweet	Teen Mom 2 (N)		Catfish: The TV		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Winter	White Sox Rewind From Sept. 9, 2020. (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football [6]					
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Movie [6]			
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Atlas of Cursed		Trafficked-van Zeller	
Oxygen	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries [6]		Unsolved Mysteries [6]		Unsolved Mysteries Resurrection Mary.	
Parmt	:00 [6] *** The Help '11) Viola Davis, Emma Stone. [6]						** Clue
Showtime	:00 Ray Donovan	Your Honor "Part One" [6]		Inside the NFL (N) [6]		The Best of All the Smoke	
Starz	6:43 [6] *** For Colored Girls '10) Kimberly Elise. [6]	Power Book II: Ghost "Good vs Evil"			:01 [6] *** The Golden Child '86)		
STZENC	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day			[6] *** Man of the House '05) Tommy Lee Jones. [6]		Days of Thunder	
SyFy	Vampire Academy	[6] ** Red 2 '13, Action) Bruce Willis. Retired operatives return to retrieve a lethal device. [6] (DVS)		* Death Wish '18)			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Misery Index
TCM	Rear Window '54)	[6] *** A Christmas Carol '38) Reginald Owen. [6] (DVS)			[6] *** David Copperfield '35, Drama) W.C. Fields. [6]		
TMC	Semper Fi '19)	[6] *** Never Goin' Back '18) Maia Mitchell. [6]			[6] *** Cabin Fever '02, Horror) Jordan Ladd. [6]		
TNT	[6] ** The Meg '18) Jason Statham. [6]						[6] Transformers
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files "Long Line of Death" (N)			The Dead Files (N)		
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		:01 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Martin	[6] ** Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family					Madea's
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) [6]		NewsNation (N) (L) [6]		NewsNation (N) (L) [6]	

Sitter's pushy granddaughter is a concern for working mom

DEAR ABBY: Because my husband and I work, I take our 6-month-old to a sitter several times a week. I understand little ones tend to be mean sometimes – hitting, biting and pushing – but in this case, it's a little different.

My sitter cares for her 3-year-old granddaughter as well as her clients' children, and her granddaughter pushes the littler ones. I have seen her push a 1-year-old down. I have never observed any of the other children do it, only the granddaughter.

I wouldn't be so worried if my daughter were 2 and could defend herself, but she's only 6 months old. She is crawling, sitting up and standing already, and I'm gravely worried the girl will harm my infant. I don't want my baby ending up with a head injury. What can I do to try to resolve this? – Deeply Concerned In The South

DEAR DEEPLY CONCERNED: Talk to the sitter about your concerns. Ask if it is possible to keep the older girl separate from the younger ones,

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby



however, the only way to be absolutely certain your little one is safe would be to change babysitters.

DEAR ABBY: I made a friend on Facebook. "Drew" and I texted through Messenger, and I went to ride four-wheelers with him one day. We hit it off great. We started dating, and he moved in with me for a few months.

In the beginning, Drew didn't mention he was working only part time. After he told me he had been moved to part time, I told him he needed to tell his boss he needed full time or a different job. I wrote a comment to that effect on their page, and his boss texted me back saying Drew can work as much as he wants! He also said Drew hasn't worked full time since he started working there.

Well, Drew got mad at me and left. I still love him. I thought he was my soul mate. Should I keep wishing we could get back together? – Feeling Lifeless

DEAR FEELING LIFELESS: No! In a sense, you were taken for a ride, and I'm not talking about four-wheelers. Your next soul mate should be someone who is completely honest and, preferably, fully employed. Drew is neither.

A Google faux pas requires an apology, and understanding why

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: New neighbors recently moved in with kids close in age to ours. The wife invited my kids and me over to play, but we hung out just the one time.

I Googled the wife and discovered her mom is a prominent business person. I texted her asking if she could connect me with her mom because I'm in the same field. She said her mom was busy but she would pass along my contact information.

I haven't heard from her mom, nor have I hung out with her since. When I see her around, she doesn't seem as friendly. Did I overstep? How do I recover from a Google faux pas? – Nosy Neighbor

DEAR NOSY NEIGHBOR: Your mistake wasn't about being nosy; Google was only the platform for the faux pas.

Your attempt to get to the mom through your neighbor was ungracious and grabby – and would have been so even if you had heard about the mother through word of mouth. So that was the faux pas: Your

Carolyn Hax



new neighbor made an overture of friendship, and you thanked her by trying to use her to advance your career! You basically elbowed aside her value as a person and beelined for her value to your paycheck.

I would say to apologize to her, but that won't accomplish much if you don't grasp the fundamental rudeness of what you did.

It would have been similar, by the way, arguably worse, if you had sat on your knowledge of the mom until you had befriended this neighbor, and only then asked her to connect to the mom. It's all just using. Using is not OK.

The only respectful course was to spend time with your neighbor (or not) based solely on the quality of her companionship. Any networking would then be a nice bonus *if* your friend made the connection and made the offer herself.

Do still apologize, regardless. It'll just mean a lot more if you understand why.

REGARDING NOSY: I am a mom and a pretty successful academic and run a center at my university. I've had more than one parent Google me and all the sudden email and ask for "advice" for their child applying here; whether I know of any jobs at the U; letters of rec for their

DEAR ABBY: I have been remarried for four years to a wonderful man who treats me like a queen. However, he and my 18-year-old daughter dislike each other, which causes a huge amount of stress and conflict. They fight, and I'm stuck in the middle. I don't know what I can do to resolve this problem. I love them both with all my heart! – Desperate For Peace

DEAR DESPERATE: I wish you had mentioned why your husband dislikes your daughter and vice versa. Is he overbearing and trying to parent her? That is YOUR job, not his.

Your daughter is no longer 14. At 18, she is now considered to be an adult, and because the "combatants" are both adults, they should act like it, be civil and refrain from turning their disagreements into open warfare. Your mistake has been allowing yourself to be placed in the middle. A better solution would be to get family counseling if your daughter plans to continue to live with you.

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CROSSWORD

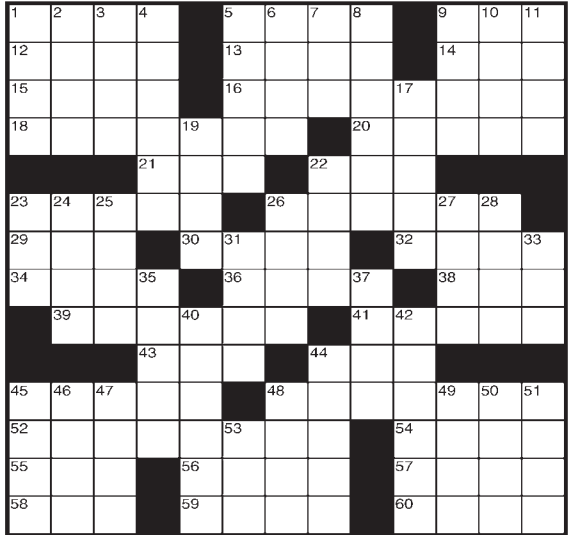
- ACROSS**
- 1 Japanese soup
 - 5 Alliance
 - 9 Badminton need
 - 12 — place or mine?
 - 13 Court ritual
 - 14 Yale grad
 - 15 Without feeling
 - 16 Cheeriness
 - 18 Has ambitions
 - 20 Free-for-all
 - 21 Actor — Danson
 - 22 "Recent" as a prefix
 - 23 Telegraph code
 - 26 Sideshow site
 - 29 Onassis nickname
 - 30 Dashboard item
 - 32 Took to court
 - 34 Dozes off
 - 36 Mortgage, e.g.
 - 38 Bradbury of sci-fi
 - 39 Rented

- DOWN**
- 41 Humble
 - 43 DJ's albums
 - 44 That boy
 - 45 Over and —
 - 48 Wise king
 - 52 Impetus
 - 54 Nullify
 - 55 Make a hole in one
 - 56 Very serious
 - 57 Egyptian goddess
 - 58 Leia's love
 - 59 Crystal-gazer
 - 60 Go slowly

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 8 Rang
 - 9 Astronaut —
 - 10 End of a threat
 - 11 Use a stopwatch
 - 17 Makes cat noises
 - 19 Tall stalk
 - 22 Egypt's river
 - 23 Adult male
 - 24 Spoken
 - 25 Not green
 - 26 Apron wearer
 - 27 Subtle emanation
 - 28 Votes in favor
 - 31 Henri's aits
- DOWN**
- 1 Talking bird
 - 2 Debt
 - 3 Cesspool
 - 4 Moons' tracks
 - 5 Showed disapproval
 - 6 Racing circuits
 - 7 Hall-of-Famer Mel —



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BANCI

BTEAA

SABHUM

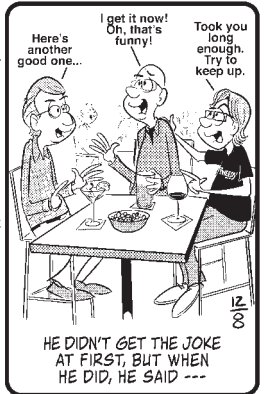
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Print answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WIDTH HANDY COUSIN ARCADE

Answer: When they resupplied the submarine with provisions, everything went — DOWN THE HATCH



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

BRIDGE

David Schwartz, who was a motivational author and coach, said, "Do what you fear, and fear disappears."

Is that really true? Even if you do something you fear (perhaps, ride a loop-the-loop rollercoaster), why should that fear disappear?

Some defenders have a fear that a winner, if not cashed immediately, will disappear. East was made to pay for that error on today's deal.

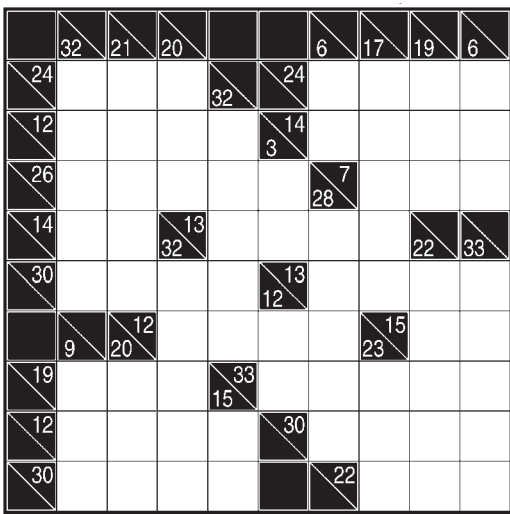
In the bidding, East might have made a take-out double but preferred to show his five-card major. South judged to respond two hearts, as he was a passed hand. Then West wondered about bidding four spades, but the vulnerability was un-

favorable. (Note that four spades can be made if East reads the deal perfectly.)

Against four hearts, West led the spade ace. This denied the spade king because you should lead king from ace-king in a suit that your side has bid and supported. East played the four. Since dummy had a singleton spade, this lowest spade was a suit-preference signal for clubs. So, West shifted to the club eight – high for helpless. After East won with his jack, what should he have done next?

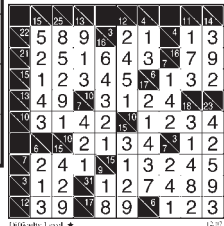
Thinking it couldn't cost a trick, East cashed the club ace and led his last club. Sadly, West did not ruff. Then, declarer cashed the heart king and led another heart. When

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

		North		12-08-20	
		♠ 3			
		♥ K 6 4			
		♦ A K Q 7 4 3			
		♣ K 7 3			
West				East	
♠ A Q 9 2				♠ J 10 8 6 4	
♥ 9				♥ J 10 5 3	
♦ J 10 9 6 5				♦ 8	
♣ 8 6 2				♣ A Q J	
		South			
		♠ K 7 5			
		♥ A Q 8 7 2			
		♦ 2			
		♣ 10 9 5 4			
Dealer: South					
Vulnerable: East-West					
South	West	North	East		
Pass	Pass	1♠	1♣		
2♥	3♣	4♥	All Pass		
Opening lead: ♠ A					

East played low, South finessed his seven! Now declarer had 10 tricks: one spade, five hearts, three diamonds and one club.

That was great card reading by South, but East should have exited with his diamond at trick three.

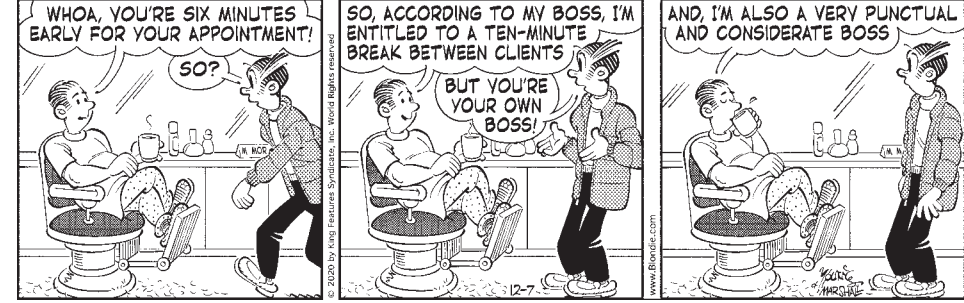
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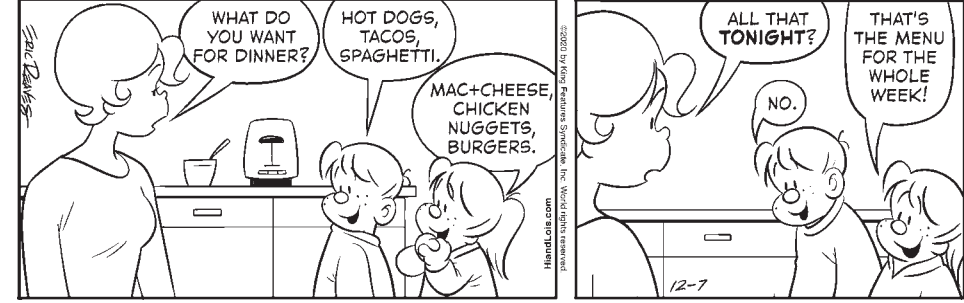
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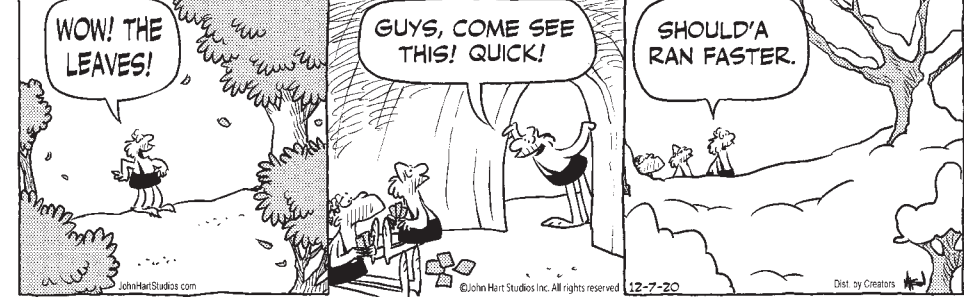
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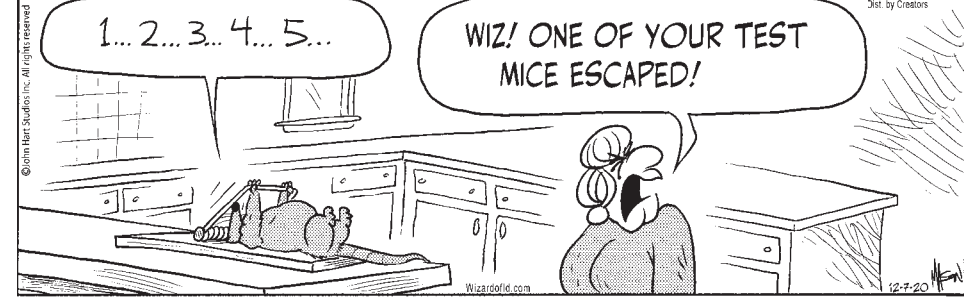
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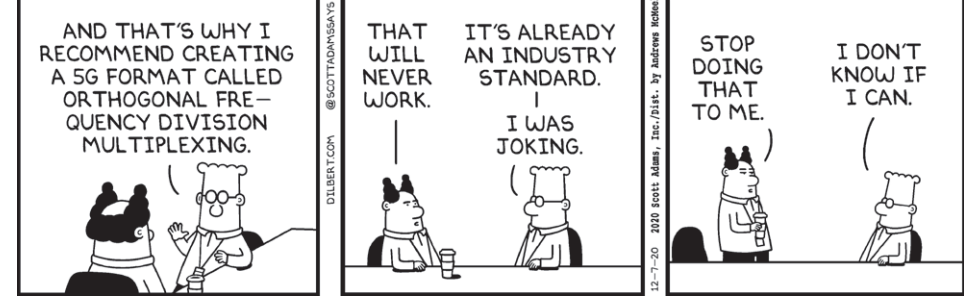
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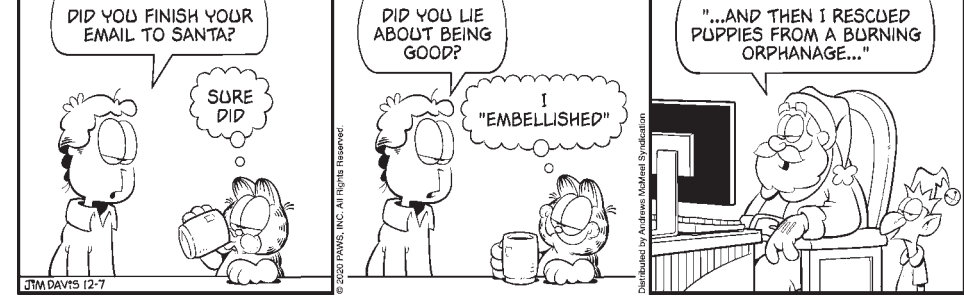
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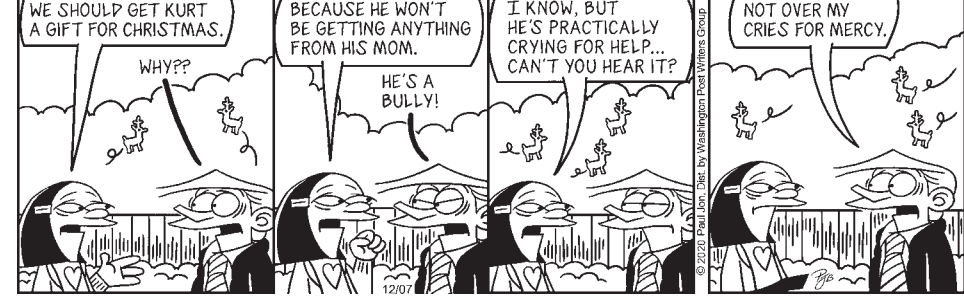
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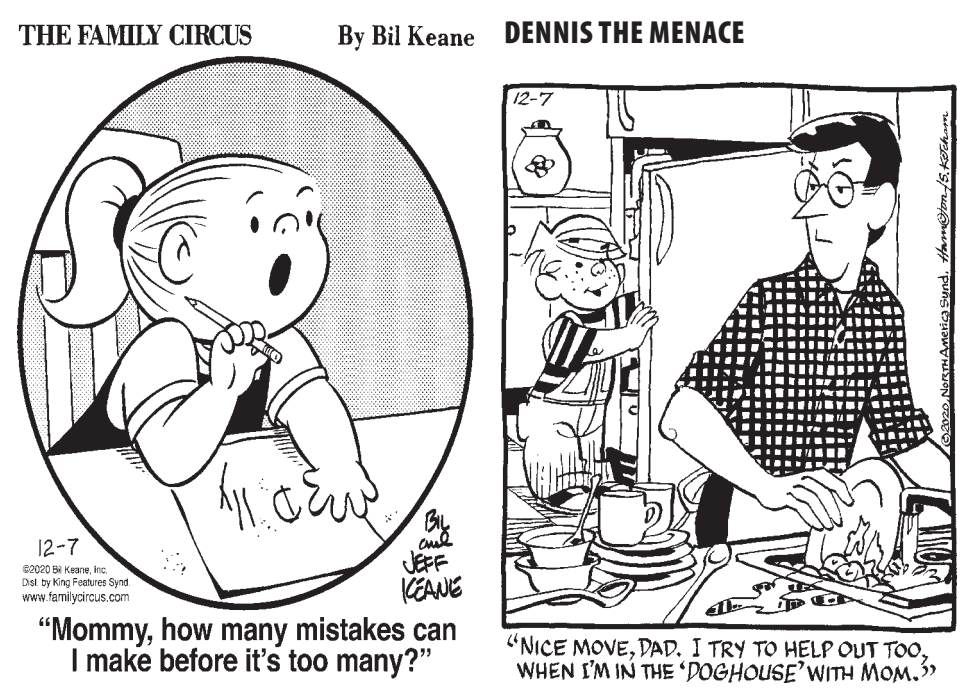
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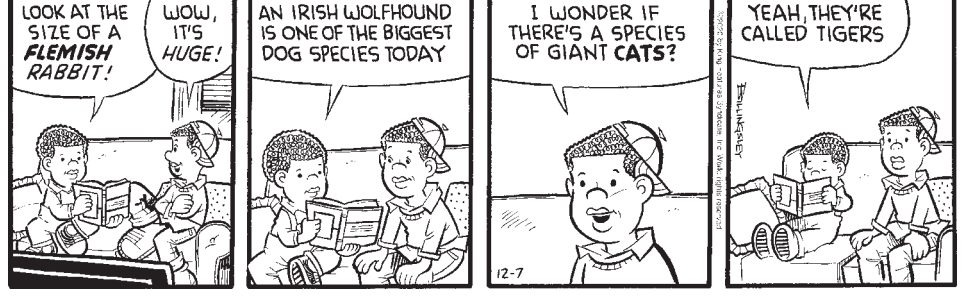
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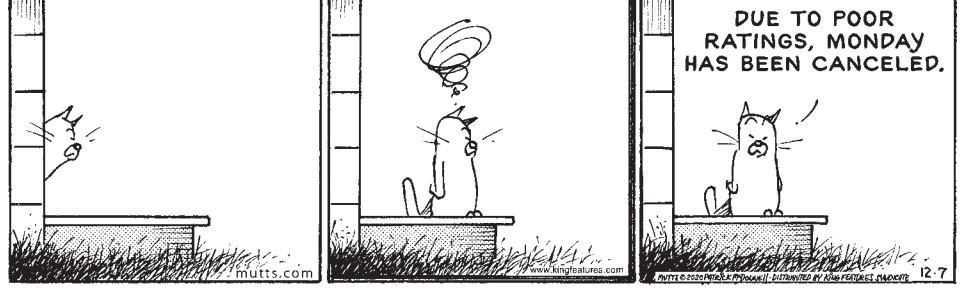
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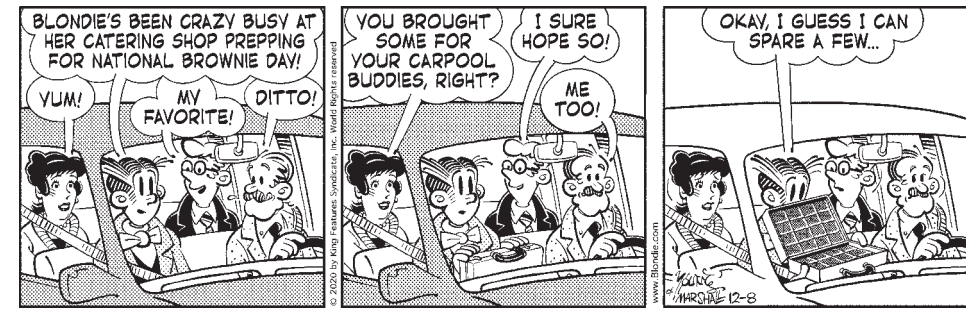
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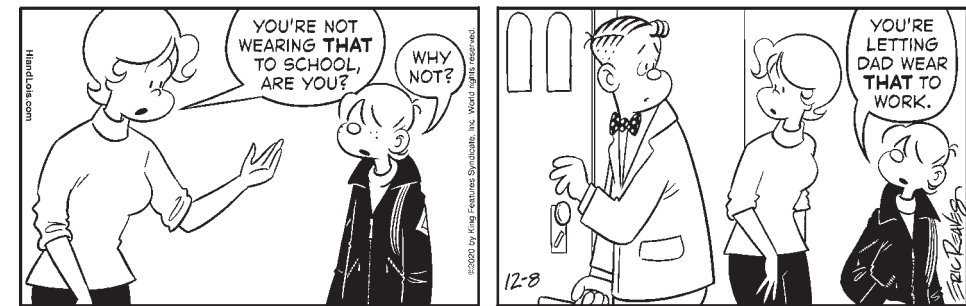
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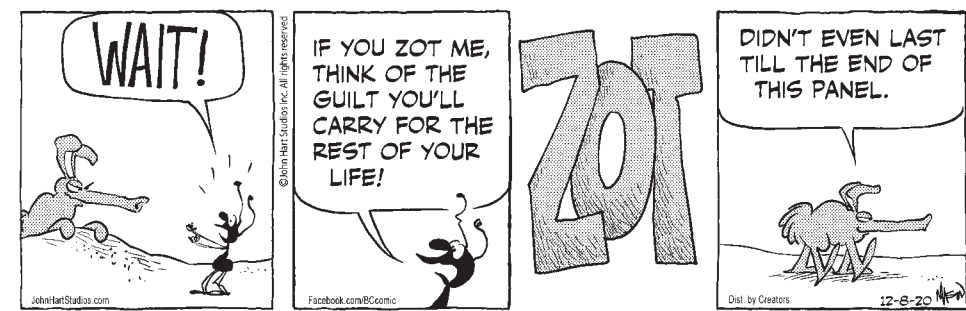
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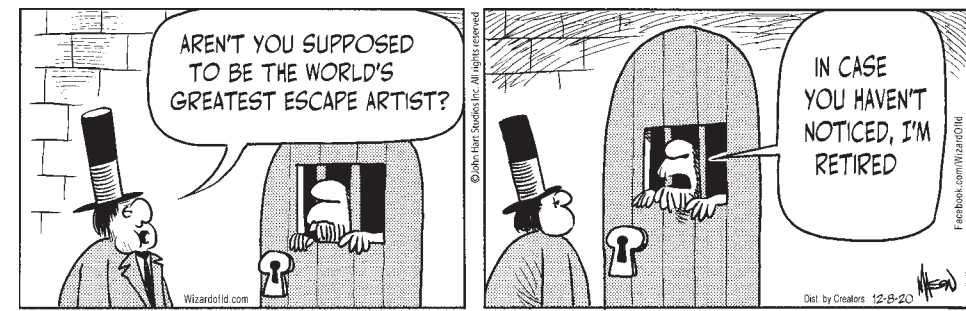
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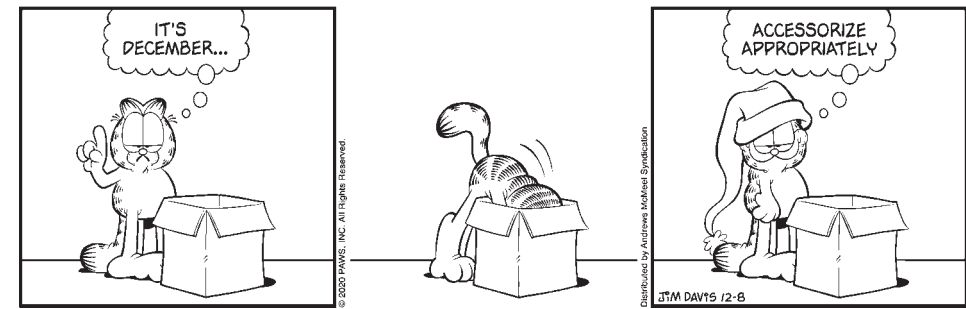
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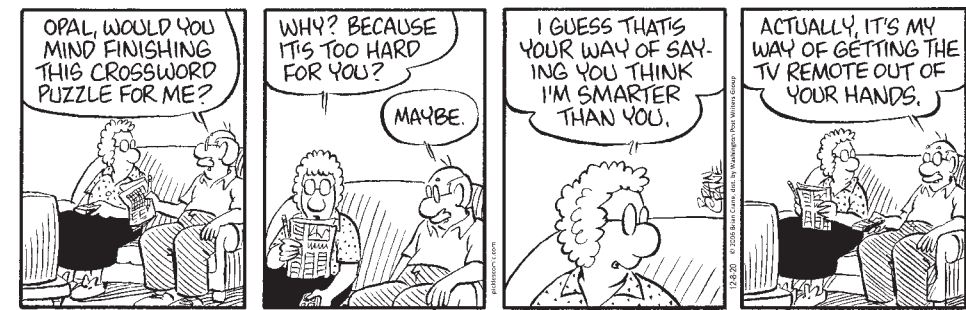
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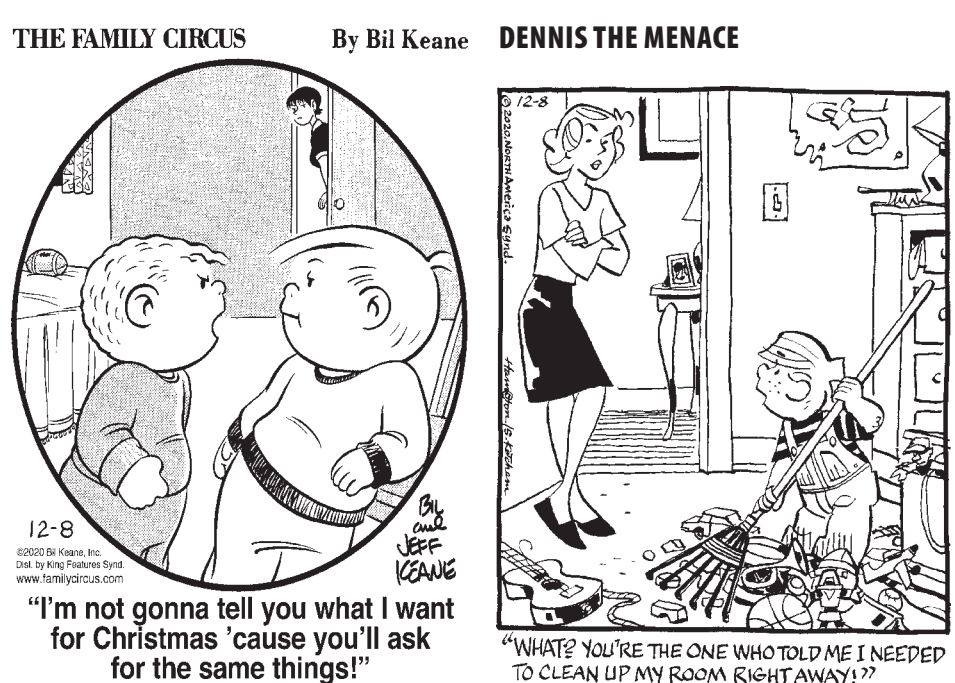
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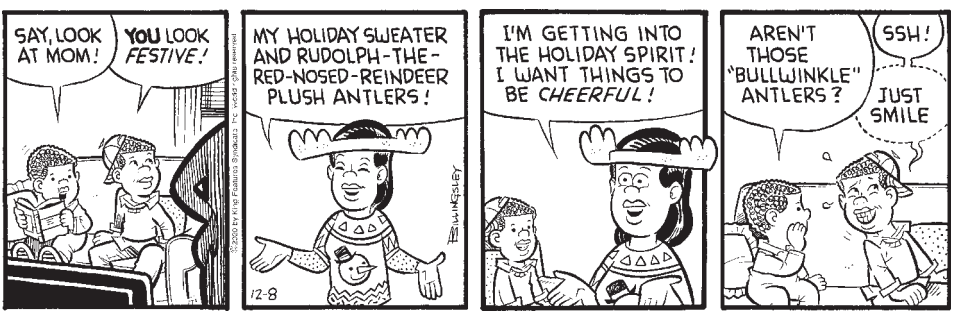
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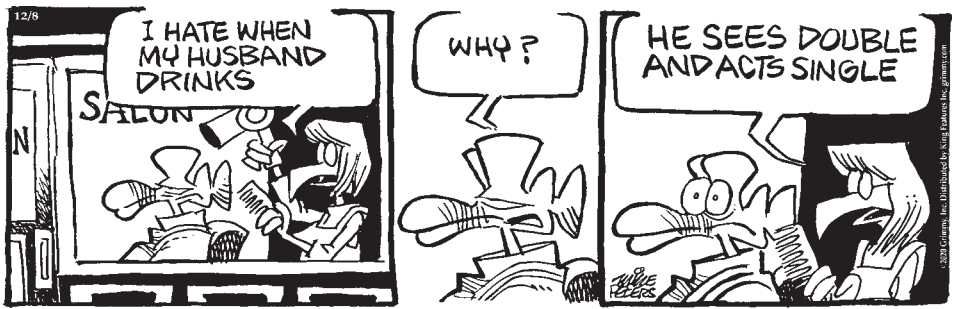
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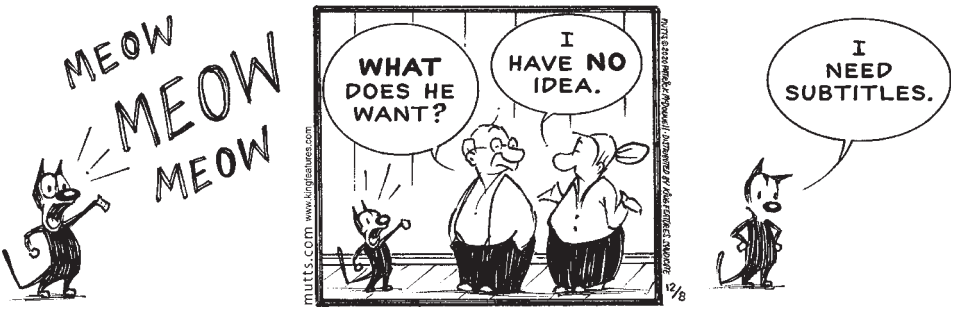
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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF BERRIEN TRIAL COURT- FAMILY DIVISION

CASE NO. 2020-0076-NA-M

PUBLICATION OF PARENTAL-RIGHTS TERMINATION HEARING

LEGALS

TO: ORNALDO JIMENEZ

IN THE MATTER OF: JAZMINE JIMENEZ-PINEDA (11/09/2015) DAHLIA JIMENEZ-PINEDA (02/18/2018)
A hearing regarding termination of parental rights will be conducted by the court on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Berrien County Court-house, 811 Port St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 before Honorable Judge Mabel Mayfield.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Or-naldo Jimenez personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

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